

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3523 (Rat #0005, Act #0001 of 2025) General Bill, By J.E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, C. Mitchell, Pedalino, Taylor, Long, Bailey, Calhoon, Yow, Weeks, Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus and Hartz**

### **Similar (S 0159)**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE A GRADUATED PENALTY STRUCTURE. - RATIFIED TITLE

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| 12/05/24 | House  | Prefiled  |
| 12/05/24 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary  |
| 01/14/25 | House  | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 233)                             |
| 01/14/25 | House  | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 233)                         |
| 01/29/25 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bailey                                     |
| 02/05/25 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon                                    |
| 02/06/25 | House  | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (House Journal-page 6)                        |
| 02/12/25 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, Weeks                                 |
| 02/12/25 | House  | Debate adjourned until Thur., 2-13-25 (House Journal-page 41)                       |
| 02/12/25 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson, Bradley, Hager, Whitmire         |
| 02/13/25 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath, Oremus, Hartz     |
| 02/13/25 | House  | Read second time (House Journal-page 16)  |
| 02/13/25 | House  | Roll call Yeas-101 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 16)                                   |
| 02/13/25 | House  | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 18) |
| 02/18/25 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)                             |
| 02/18/25 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 13)                         |
| 02/19/25 | Senate | Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)                        |
| 02/19/25 |        | Scrivener's error corrected   |
| 02/25/25 | Senate | Amended (Senate Journal-page 27)  |
| 02/25/25 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 27)   |
| 02/25/25 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 27)                                   |
| 02/26/25 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 21)      |
| 02/27/25 | House  | Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 35)                  |
| 02/27/25 | House  | Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 36)                                   |
| 03/06/25 |        | Ratified R 5  |
| 03/07/25 |        | Signed By Governor  |
| 03/12/25 |        | Effective date 03/07/25   |
| 03/12/25 |        | Act No. 1   |