

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3858 (Rat #0116, Act #0109 of 2026) General Bill, By Brewer, Pedalino, Lowe, C. Mitchell, M.M. Smith, B.J. Cox, Chapman, Davis, Sessions, Erickson, Guffey, B.L. Cox, Hewitt, Teeple, Hartnett, Pope, Rutherford, Brittain, Wooten, Guest, Hager, J.L. Johnson, B. Newton, Bailey, Bustos, Gagnon, Gilliam, Herbkersman, Holman, Jordan, Lawson, Martin, Murphy, Robbins, Ballentine, T. Moore, Montgomery, Sanders, Atkinson, Ligon, Gibson, J. Moore, Caskey, Moss, Huff, Beach, Terrible, Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow, J.E. Johnson, Landing, Frank, Forrest, Oremus, Kirby, Hixon, Cromer and Gilreath**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REGULATIONS ON WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS AND BOAT MOTORS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR 42.8571 PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-23-425, RELATING TO THE DENIAL OF RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-23-430, 50-23-440, 50-23-450, 50-23-460, 50-23-470, AND 50-23-480 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF OUTBOARD MOTORS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 50-23-350 AND 50-23-380 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF NUMBER BY AGENTS AND THE TRANSFER OF REGISTRATION UPON CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP, RESPECTIVELY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-320, RELATING TO THE NUMBERING OF VESSEL EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR A VESSEL COVERED BY A FEDERALLY APPROVED NUMBERING SYSTEM OF ANOTHER STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-21-10, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "OUTBOARD MOTOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT AND MOTORS PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE MOTORS FROM THE EXEMPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-714, RELATING TO BOATS WITH SITUS IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO BOAT MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3200, RELATING TO THE TAX YEAR FOR BOATS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO BOAT MOTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR BOATS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX RETURNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3230, RELATING TO THE ASSESSED VALUE OF BOATS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF BOATS AND WATERCRAFT AND ANY AFFIXED OUTBOARD MOTORS AS A SINGLE UNIT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3240, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM BOAT AND WATERCRAFT TAX, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO BOAT MOTORS. - RATIFIED TITLE

<b>01/30/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 43)</b>
<b>01/30/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 43)</b>
<b>02/04/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ballentine, T.Moore, Montgomery</b>
<b>02/05/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sanders</b>
<b>02/06/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Atkinson, Frank</b>
<b>02/11/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon</b>
<b>02/18/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gibson</b>
<b>02/25/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: J.Moore</b>
<b>04/08/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Moss</b>
<b>04/10/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huff, Beach</b>
<b>04/22/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Terrible</b>
<b>04/23/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kilmartin, Hardee, Taylor, Yow</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: J.E.Johnson</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means (House Journal-page 5)</b>
<b>05/01/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Landing</b>
<b>05/06/25</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>05/06/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Forrest, Oremus</b>
<b>05/06/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-7-25 (House Journal-page 22)</b>
<b>05/07/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Kirby, Hixon, Cromer, Gilreath</b>
<b>05/07/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 10)</b>

05/07/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 10)
05/07/25	House	Roll call Yeas-89 Nays-7 (House Journal-page 13)
05/08/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 80)
05/08/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 5)
05/08/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Finance (Senate Journal-page 5)
02/18/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance (Senate Journal-page 11)
03/03/26	Senate	Special order, set for March 3, 2026 (Senate Journal-page 28)
03/04/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted
03/04/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 46)
03/04/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 46)
03/04/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 46)
03/05/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 17)
03/05/26	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 17)
03/05/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-39 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 17)
03/24/26		Scrivener's error corrected
03/24/26	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 53)
03/24/26	House	Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 53)
03/25/26		Ratified R 116
03/30/26		Signed By Governor
04/02/26		Effective date See Act for Effective Date
04/02/26		Act No. 109