

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H\*3931 (Rat #0124, Act #0116 of 2026) General Bill, By Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M.M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Schuessler and Guffey**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-80, RELATING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO DEEM A COASTAL ZONE CONSISTENCY CERTIFICATION APPROVED IF, FOR ALL OTHER STATE PERMITS, CERTIFICATION REVIEW IS NOT COMPLETED WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSING; BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-35 SO AS TO PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO HIRE THIRD-PARTY, INDEPENDENT ENGINEERS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT WITH ITS DUTIES AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS FOR CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS TO BID ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK; AND BY REPEALING A PORTION OF SECTION 48-39-130 AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2032, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN MAINTENANCE DREDGING AFTER THAT DATE. - RATIFIED TITLE

02/06/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 33)
02/06/25	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 33)
02/26/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler
04/09/25	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guffey
04/09/25	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry
04/23/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 12)
04/23/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 12)
04/23/25	House	Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 14)
04/24/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 67)
04/24/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)
04/24/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 7)
04/24/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/24/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 8)
03/26/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 44)
03/26/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 44)
03/26/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 44)
03/31/26	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 25)
04/01/26	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 31)
04/01/26	House	Roll call Yeas-112 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 31)
04/01/26		Scrivener's error corrected
04/01/26		Ratified R 124
04/06/26		Signed By Governor
04/23/26		Effective date 04/06/26
04/23/26		Act No. 116