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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**