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H 4421 General Bill, By J.E. Smith, McCoy, Ott, G.M. Smith, Ballentine, W. Newton, Bales, McEachern, Brown, Henegan, Clary, Arrington, Stavrinakis, Caskey, Norrell, Bernstein, Knight, Gilliard, Funderburk, Loftis, Rivers, Cobb-Hunter and King

Summary: SC Electric Consumer Bill of Rights

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC CONSUMER BILL OF RIGHTS ACT" TO DEFINE CATEGORIES OF COSTS TO BE COLLECTED THROUGH RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CHARGES, TO LIMIT RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER CHARGES TO CAPTURE ONLY CUSTOMER-RELATED COSTS, AND TO REQUIRE EACH ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE A LINE ITEM ON CUSTOMER BILL STATEMENTS TO SHOW THE PERCENTAGE OF RETAIL RATES ATTRIBUTABLE TO DEFERRED RECOVERY OF THE COST OF THE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION ABANDONED DURING CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 58-33-225; BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE STANDARDS PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH THE ABILITY TO INSTALL AND UTILIZE ONSITE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY SOURCES, TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS, TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS, TO PROHIBIT UTILITIES FROM PREVENTING CONSTRUCTION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO PROVIDE THE STATEWIDE NET METERING STANDARDS, TO ALLOW SETTLEMENT-BASED COST RECOVERY FOR INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES FOR CUSTOMER-GENERATORS BUT TO PROHIBIT COST RECOVERY OF LOST REVENUES WITHIN THE STATEWIDE NET METERING PROGRAM, TO EXEMPT INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS WHO ADOPT ONSITE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES FROM INCREMENTAL DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE PROGRAM COSTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF AN ONSITE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCE WHO HAS REGISTERED WITH THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AS A LESSOR OF THESE FACILITIES MAY NOT BE REGULATED AS A PUBLIC UTILITY FOR OFFERING A SERVICE THAT PROVIDES ONSITE GENERATION TO CUSTOMER-GENERATORS THROUGH A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, TO REQUIRE EACH ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO PROVIDE A DISASTER READINESS INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR AND STORAGE COMBINATION ONSITE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES FACILITIES ON THE RESIDENCES OF FIRST RESPONDERS AND DESIGNATED PUBLIC SHELTERS; BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST USE OF ONSITE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES THROUGH RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, DEED RESTRICTIONS, OR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO TERMS APPLICABLE TO NET ENERGY METERING, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-40-20, RELATING TO NET ENERGY METERING RATES, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REMOVE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT NET METERING RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 40, TITLE 58 ARE THE EXCLUSIVE NET METERING RATES AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMER-GENERATORS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-27-2600, RELATING TO TERMS APPLICABLE TO THE LEASE OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RETAIL ELECTRIC PROVIDER"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-27-2610, RELATING TO THE LEASE OF A RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, PROVIDE THAT LESSORS OF RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES MAY OFFER WARRANTY SERVICES, AND TO REMOVE THE CURRENT TWO PERCENT CAP ON LEASED RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-27-2630, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF A RENEWABLE ELECTRIC GENERATION FACILITY LEASED TO A CUSTOMER-GENERATOR LESSEE, SO AS TO REPLACE THE CURRENT CUSTOMER-GENERATOR NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT WITH A SIGNED DECLARATION FROM THE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR THAT IT WILL NOT ATTEMPT TO RESELL OR SELL ELECTRIC OUTPUT TO A THIRD PARTY THAT IS NOT THE ELECTRIC RETAIL SUPPLIER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY HAVING A NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OF NO GREATER THAN TWENTY KILOWATTS, AS MEASURED IN ALTERNATING CURRENT.

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| 11/09/17 | House | Prefiled |
| 11/09/17 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| 01/09/18 | House | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 104) |
| 01/09/18 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 106) |
| 01/10/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Clary, Bennett, Arrington |
| 01/30/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Stavrinakis |
| 03/07/18 | House | Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Bennett, Huggins |
| 03/07/18 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 4) |

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| 03/08/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey |
| 03/08/18 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 03/08/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Norrell |
| 03/08/18 | House | Requests for debate-Rep(s). JE Smith, McCoy, Sandifer, Forrester, Crosby, Murphy, Weeks, Douglas, Bernstein, Williams, Jefferson, McCravy, Fry, Atwater, Ballentine, Henegan, Toole, Bryant, VS Moss, Dilliard, Crawford, B Newton (House Journal-page 102) |
| 03/16/18 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 03/20/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein, Knight |
| 04/03/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Funderburk |
| 04/04/18 | House | Debate adjourned until Thur., 4-5-18 (House Journal-page 73) |
| 04/05/18 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Loftis, Rivers, Cobb-Hunter, King |
| 04/05/18 | House | Amended (House Journal-page 64) |
| 04/05/18 | House | Read second time (House Journal-page 64) |
| 04/05/18 | House | Roll call Yeas-64 Nays-33 (House Journal-page 96) |
| 04/06/18 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 04/10/18 | House | Rejected (House Journal-page 29) |
| 04/10/18 | House | Roll call Yeas-61 Nays-44 (House Journal-page 37) |