

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H*4679 (Rat #0198, Act #0150 of 2026) General Bill, By C. Mitchell, B.L. Cox, M.M. Smith, Wooten, Chapman, W. Newton, Herbkersman, Wickensimer, Guest, McCravy, Hartnett, Gilliard, Rivers and Williams

Summary: South Carolina Drone Regulation and Public Safety Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DRONE REGULATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 55 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE LAWFUL AND UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF DRONES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF DRONES; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 24-1-300 AND 24-5-175 RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL OPERATION OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES NEAR CERTAIN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND LOCAL DETENTION FACILITIES. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/16/25	House	Prefiled
12/16/25	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary
01/13/26	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 55)
01/13/26	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 55)
01/20/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wooten, Chapman
03/10/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton, Herbkersman
03/25/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wickensimer
03/31/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Guest, McCravy
04/02/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 5)
04/13/26		Scrivener's error corrected
04/14/26	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hartnett, Gilliard, Rivers, Williams
04/14/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 23)
04/14/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 23)
04/14/26	House	Roll call Yeas-108 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 35)
04/15/26		Scrivener's error corrected
04/15/26	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 15)
04/15/26	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 41)
04/15/26	Senate	Referred to Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 41)
05/06/26	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 4)
05/07/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 65)
05/07/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 65)
05/07/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-46 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 65)
05/08/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/12/26	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 27)
05/13/26	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 14)
05/13/26	House	Roll call Yeas-92 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 14)
05/14/26		Ratified R 198
05/15/26		Signed By Governor
05/26/26		Effective date 01/01/27
05/26/26		Act No. 150