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H 5018 General Bill, By Rodgers, Barfield, Davenport, Edge, Frye, Keegan, Kelley, Lloyd, Miller and Witherspoon

Summary: Watercraft, mooring of within county and municipal jurisdictions; Department of Natural Resources authorized to tow unattended vessels within their jurisdiction

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN OPERATION AND EQUIPMENT OF VESSELS AND MOORING OF VESSELS WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODIES OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES OR LOCAL LAWS RELATING TO THE MOORING OF VESSELS AND FLOATING OBJECTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AND RELATING TO TOWING, STORAGE, AND DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED VESSELS AND FLOATING OBJECTS FOUND WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-105, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TOWING OF WATERCRAFT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WITH RESPECT TO WATERCRAFT AND FLOATING OBJECTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS, COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES, ACTING THROUGH THE AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, MAY TOW AWAY AND STORE AT THE NEAREST COMMERCIAL MARINA OR ANOTHER SUITABLE FACILITY AN UNATTENDED WATERCRAFT, A WATERCRAFT THE OPERATOR OF WHICH IS ILL, INTOXICATED, OR UNDER A DISABILITY WHICH RENDERS HIM INCAPABLE OF FUNCTIONING SAFELY, OR ANOTHER OBJECT WHICH CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO NAVIGATION AND WHICH IS NOT WITHIN AN ANCHORAGE AREA APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD.

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