

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 5215 General Bill, By Jones

Summary: Data Center Utility Costs

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION AND LARGE LOAD CUSTOMER INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 44 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROHIBIT INCREMENTAL COSTS RESULTING FROM LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS TO BE RECOVERED FROM CUSTOMERS IN ANOTHER CUSTOMER CLASS; TO ESTABLISH CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS BETWEEN LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS AND ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; TO ESTABLISH REVIEW STANDARDS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; BY ADDING SECTION 13-1-80 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING INCENTIVES THAT MAY BE OFFERED TO POTENTIAL LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-550 SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PUBLIC NOTICE, PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL CERTIFICATIONS CONCERNING PLANNING AND ZONING PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF CERTAIN PERMITS OR INCENTIVES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 49-1-100 SO AS TO REQUIRE POTENTIAL LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS TO PROVIDE PLANS REGARDING WATER RESOURCES AND ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO VERIFY WATER USAGE CONTINGENCY PLAN ADHERENCE IN THE EVENT OF A DROUGHT.

02/19/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 14)

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02/24/26 Scrivener's error corrected