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S 0287 General Bill, By Leventis, Drummond, Ravenel, McConnell and Giese

Summary: Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act, Conservation, Health and Environmental Control, Fish and Game, Natural Resources

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 60 SO AS TO ENACT THE "FRESHWATER WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT" WHICH REQUIRES A PERMIT TO UNDERTAKE A REGULATED ACTIVITY WITHIN A FRESHWATER WETLAND AND ESTABLISHES THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AS THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROGRAM, WHICH ESTABLISHES CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR ISSUING PERMITS, INCLUDING PROVIDING PUBLIC NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND COORDINATION OF ITS REVIEW OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES, WHICH AUTHORIZES MITIGATION PROPOSALS AND GENERAL OR BLOCK PERMITS, WHICH PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FEDERAL PERMITTING PROGRAM UNDER THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AND WHICH APPLIES THE CRITICAL AREA WETLANDS REGULATIONS TO THIS CHAPTER UNTIL REGULATIONS ARE PROMULGATED UNDER THIS CHAPTER.

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