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S 0293 General Bill, By Elliott

Summary: Offshore drilling

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48-43-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON LICENSED TO DRILL FOR OIL OR GAS IN THE STATE'S TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AGGRESSIVELY SHALL USE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT TO MINIMIZE THE POTENTIAL FOR LEAKS OR SPILLS, TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE PAY THE FULL COST OF CLEANING A SPILL OR LEAK FROM ITS DRILLING OPERATION, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A SPILL OR LEAK FROM A DRILLING FACILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 48-43-370, RELATING TO A PERMIT REQUIRED FOR DRILLING AN OIL OR GAS WELL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL EXPEDITIOUSLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SHALL REVIEW AN APPLICATION FOR AN OIL OR GAS WELL IN THE STATE'S TERRITORIAL WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, AND THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT IS CONSIDERED GRANTED IF THE DEPARTMENT FAILS TO DENY THE PERMIT WITH A SHOWING OF GOOD CAUSE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE APPLICATION BEING MADE.

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