

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**H\*3055 (Rat #0263, Act #0230 of 2022) General Bill, By Hixon, Forrest, W. Newton and Ligon**

**Summary:** DNR; update enforcement officer authority, uniforms, and other areas to fall under DNR

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 48-22-40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY UNIT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE UNIT TO CONDUCT TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING BY DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND AT LEAST EVERY SEVEN YEARS THEREAFTER, AND TO SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NAMES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-70, RELATING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-220, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 50-1-180 TO 50-1-230 TO CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO A REPEALED STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-90, RELATING TO GAME AND FISH CULTURE OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-110, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME AND DELETE A REFERENCE TO A DISCONTINUED PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-130, RELATING TO UNIFORMS AND EMBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESCRIBE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-315, RELATING TO DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXPIRED DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-320, RELATING TO THE TRANSMITTAL AND DELIVERY OF COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO DELETE A BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-350, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL BADGE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME FOR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S OFFICIAL BADGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-395, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE WARNING TICKETS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES WITHOUT PROMULGATING REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO PROVISIONS PROTECTING NONGAME AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION OF THE FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION TO THE FEDERAL REGULATION AND TO MOVE CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. - ratified

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12/09/20	House	Prefiled
12/09/20	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
01/12/21	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 52)
01/12/21	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 62)
01/28/21	House	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 4)
02/02/21	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton
02/03/21	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). White, W. Cox, Ott, B. Cox, Thayer, Bamberg, Elliott,Hixon, Pendarvis, Kirby, Fry, JA Moore, Weeks, Hiott, Hart, Gilliard, Anderson, and Hosey (House Journal-page 19)
02/04/21	House	Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 9 (House Journal-page 21)
02/09/21	House	Recommitted to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 19)
04/28/21	House	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 66)
05/05/21	House	Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-6-21 (House Journal-page 33)
05/11/21	House	Continued (House Journal-page 57)
01/12/22	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon
01/19/22	House	Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). White, W. Cox, Kirby, Elliott, Anderson, B. Cox, Hiott, Gilliard, Hixon, Hart, Hosey, Ott, and Weeks (House Journal-page 13)
01/19/22	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 13)

01/19/22	House	Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 15)
01/20/22	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 7)
01/25/22	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)
01/25/22	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 7)
02/16/22	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 5)
05/05/22	Senate	Amended
05/05/22	Senate	Committee Amendment Withdrawn (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/05/22	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/05/22	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/10/22	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 41)
05/11/22	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 75)
05/12/22	House	Senate amendment amended (House Journal-page 20)
05/12/22	House	Roll call Yeas-102 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 67)
05/12/22	House	Returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 70)
05/12/22	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 51)
05/12/22	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Hixon, Forrest, Atkinson (House Journal-page 135)
05/12/22	Senate	Conference committee appointed Campsen, Climer, Stephens (Senate Journal-page 54)
06/15/22	House	Conference report received and adopted (House Journal-page 124)
06/15/22	House	Roll call Yeas-25 Nays-64 (House Journal-page 131)
06/15/22	Senate	Conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 93)
06/15/22	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 93)
06/15/22	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 104)
06/16/22		Ratified R 263
06/17/22		Signed By Governor
06/28/22		Effective date 06/17/22
06/28/22		Act No. 230