

**Session 121 - (2015-2016)**

**H 3868 General Bill, By Pitts, White, Goldfinch, Hardee, Bales, Gambrell and Gagnon**

**Similar (S 0519, H 4945)**

**Summary:** Wetlands Conservation Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-24-95, RELATING TO DEED RECORDING FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PORTION OF A STATE DEED RECORDING FEE THAT MUST BE CREDITED TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND FROM TWENTY-FIVE CENTS TO THIRTY CENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-60, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ANY FUNDS COLLECTED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT AUTHORIZED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-70, RELATING TO TRUST FUND GRANTS AND CONSERVATION CRITERIA, SO AS TO ADD ISOLATED WETLANDS AND CAROLINA BAYS TO THE CONSERVATION CRITERIA, TO ADD THE VALUE OF A PROPOSAL ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS OWNED AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE CONSERVATION CRITERIA, AND TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE UP TO EIGHT AND THIRTY-THREE ONE HUNDREDTHS PERCENT OF THE MONIES CREDITED TO THE TRUST FUND TO APPLICATIONS THAT SOLELY MEET THE NEW CONSERVATION CRITERIA AND LIMIT THE AWARD OF MONEY TO APPLICATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS IN LAND SOLELY FOR THE SITES OF HISTORICAL OR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 48-59-75, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF DEED RECORDING FEES TO THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE TRANSFER OF RECORDING FEES AND OTHER APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND MUST BE DECREASED BY TWICE THE AVERAGE PERCENTAGE REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO EACH AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT IN A FISCAL YEAR WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROVIDES LESS APPROPRIATIONS THAN WHAT WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR TO AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF ALL STATE AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS.

- 03/18/15 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 42)**
- 03/18/15 House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 42)**
- 04/23/15 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: White**
- 04/23/15 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means (House Journal-page 125)**
- 04/28/15 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Loftis, Clyburn, Hiott, Spires, Norman, McKnight, Hixon, Hamilton, Bannister, Corley, Hardwick, MS McLeod, Cobb-Hunter, Ott, Jefferson, Pitts, Gambrell, Gagnon, Putnam, Thayer, White, Hill, Sandifer, Crosby, HA Crawford (House Journal-page 128)**
- 04/29/15 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-5-15 (House Journal-page 152)**
- 05/06/15 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Goldfinch, Hardee**
- 05/06/15 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-13-15 (House Journal-page 25)**
- 05/13/15 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-20-15 (House Journal-page 23)**
- 06/02/15 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 6-3-15 (House Journal-page 64)**
- 06/03/15 House Debate adjourned until Thurs., 6-4-15 (House Journal-page 151)**
- 06/04/15 House Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 40)**
- 01/12/16 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bales**
- 01/13/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 1-20-16 (House Journal-page 23)**
- 01/20/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 1-27-16 (House Journal-page 13)**
- 01/27/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2-3-16 (House Journal-page 23)**
- 02/03/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 2-9-16 (House Journal-page 34)**
- 02/09/16 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gambrell, Gagnon**
- 02/09/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2-10-16 (House Journal-page 33)**
- 02/10/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 2-23-16 (House Journal-page 32)**
- 02/23/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2-24-16 (House Journal-page 48)**
- 02/25/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 3-1-16 (House Journal-page 41)**
- 03/02/16 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 3-3-16 (House Journal-page 45)**
- 04/14/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 4-19-16 (House Journal-page 59)**
- 04/26/16 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 4-27-16 (House Journal-page 68)**
- 04/27/16 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 4-28-16 (House Journal-page 71)**
- 05/04/16 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-5-16 (House Journal-page 23)**

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05/05/16 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-17-16 (House Journal-page 149)

05/31/16 House Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 25)