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A Bill to enact the South Carolina Energy Conservation and Efficiency Act of 1992; to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 52 to Title 48 so as to establish a State Energy Policy, to adopt the plan for the State Energy Policy, to establish the State Energy Office within the Budget and Control Board, to provide for the powers and duties of this office, to establish an advisory council, to require the State Energy Office to develop and oversee compliance with energy code standards for state government buildings, to require state agencies and public school districts to submit to the energy office for approval energy conservation plans and goals and to require reporting, to provide for financial incentives to facilitate the purchase of energy efficiency products by state agencies, including an exception to the South Carolina Procurement Code, to provide that the South Carolina Energy Research and Development Center, the State Energy Conservation Program, the Energy Extension Service, and the Institutional Conservation Programs are transferred to the State Energy Office, and to provide that personnel and funding for the State Energy Office must be derived from existing state government personnel slots and financial resources available to the State; by adding Section 40-29-85 so as to require the State Energy Office to provide energy efficiency standards labels to the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board to be placed on manufactured homes; by amending Section 6-10-30, relating to energy efficiency building codes, so as to revise the minimum thermal resistance ratings in one and two family dwellings; by amending Section 12-36-2110, as amended, relating to the calculation of sales tax on mobile homes, so as to increase from one to two the percentage for calculating the sales tax on the cost of a manufactured home in excess of six thousand dollars and to exempt a home that meets certain energy efficiency requirements from this tax; by amending Section 40-29-240, relating to violations and penalties for violations of the Uniform Standards Code for Manufactured Housing, so as to include a violation for failure to properly display the energy efficiency label required by Section 40-29-85; by adding Section 58-27-240 so as to require the South Carolina Public Service Commission to adopt procedures and provide incentives that encourage electrical and gas utilities to invest in cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs; by adding Section 58-27-250 so as to require annual reporting to the General Assembly on demand-side activities and purchasing power of electric utilities; by adding Section 58-27-260 so as to require electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to prepare integrated resource plans; by amending Section 58-27-10, relating to definitions pertaining to electric utilities and electric cooperatives, so as to define "demand-side activities"; by adding Sections 57-1-130 and 57-1-140 so as to require the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation to expend annually one percent of its total state appropriation on public transportation and to determine the feasibility of including high occupancy vehicle lanes, pedestrian walkways, and bicycle paths in new highway construction; by amending Section 1-11-310, relating to the state motor vehicle fleet, so as to provide requirements for the types of vehicles that may be purchased for this fleet and for law enforcement purposes; by amending Section 12-36-2120, as amended, relating to sales tax exemptions, so as to delete the exemption for fuel ethanol blends and to add an exemption for clean alternative transportation fuels; by amending Section 44-96-40, relating to definitions in the Solid Waste Management Act, so as to revise the definition of "motor oil" and "similar lubricants"; by amending Section 44-96-160, relating to used oil requirements, so as to provide a tax credit to a retailer of motor oil who maintains an oil collection center of eight cents a gallon for oil returned to a licensed used oil transporter or used oil recycling facility, to exempt a used oil collection center from certain reporting requirements when it receives less than five gallons of oil at a time, to remove the eight-cent tax on motor oil from wholesale sales and place on retail sales, and to provide up to five hundred dollars credit to retailers who maintain a used oil collection center for equipment used in the oil collection process; by amending Section 48-1-10, relating to definitions in the Pollution Control Act, so as to revise the definition of "source" to include motor vehicles and to define "motor vehicle"; by amending Section 58-25-30, as amended, relating to creation of a Regional Transportation Authority, so as to provide that a referendum is not required unless a new source of revenue is imposed; by amending Section 58-25-40, as amended, relating to the appointment of members of the Board of the Authority, so as to provide that the membership of the governing board must be apportioned according to population; by amending Section 58-25-50, relating to the powers and duties of the Authority, so as to authorize and direct the Authority to coordinate public transportation services being provided by entities utilizing state funds or state-administered funds; by amending Section 58-25-60, relating to sources of funding for the Authority,

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so as to authorize additional sources of funding; to create an alternative transportation fuels study committee and to provide for its membership and duties; to direct the Joint Legislative Committee on Energy to establish a task force to study the feasibility of increased public rail transportation in South Carolina; and to direct the Division of Motor Vehicle Management of the State Budget and Control Board to determine the ability to use alternative fuels for the state vehicle fleet and to begin using these fuels by June 1, 1993.

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04/28/92	House	Special order, set for following the Motion Period on the calendar HJ-119
04/28/92	House	Debate interrupted HJ-175
04/29/92	House	Amended HJ-339
04/29/92	House	Debate interrupted HJ-351
04/30/92	House	Debate interrupted HJ-35
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