

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

H 4499 General Bill, By Kirsh

Summary: Attorney fees

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2545, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AWARDING OF REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES IF A TAXPAYER PREVAILS IN THE ASSESSOR'S DENIAL OF AGRICULTURAL USE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND A FINDING BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT THAT THE ASSESSOR'S ACTION WAS UNREASONABLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO BOTH THE DENIAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR AGRICULTURAL USE VALUE AND AN ACTION BY THE ASSESSOR TO REMOVE REAL PROPERTY FROM THAT STATUS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES PLUS ATTORNEY'S FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THIS REIMBURSEMENT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES AFTER THE TAXPAYER PREVAILS IN ANY FINAL APPEAL OF THE CONTESTED CASE, AND TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIRED FINDING THAT THE ASSESSOR'S DECISION WAS NOT REASONABLE.

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| 01/17/08 | House | Introduced and read first time HJ-4 |
| 01/17/08 | House | Referred to Committee on Ways and Means HJ-4 |
| 04/17/08 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means HJ-18 |
| 04/23/08 | House | Amended HJ-81 |
| 04/23/08 | House | Read second time HJ-83 |
| 04/24/08 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-4926 |
| 04/24/08 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| 04/24/08 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Finance |
| 05/28/08 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance SJ-16 |
| 06/03/08 | Senate | Committee Amendment Adopted SJ-43 |