

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### S 0550 General Bill, By Waldrep

**Summary:** Carolina Bays Protection Act, Conservation, Fish and Game, Natural Resources, Health and Environmental Control

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CAROLINA BAYS PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION, CONSERVATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF NONCONTIGUOUS WETLANDS WHICH ARE ISOLATED WETLANDS HAVING NO SURFACE WATER CONNECTION TO OTHER STATE WATERS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING A NONCONTIGUOUS WETLANDS PERMITTING PROCESS, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN ACTIVITIES FROM REQUIRING A PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE "POLLUTION CONTROL ACT", SO AS TO INCLUDE WETLANDS, CAROLINA BAYS, POCOSINS, BOGS, FENS, WET DEPRESSIONS, VERNAL POOLS, AND GUM PONDS IN THE DEFINITION OF "WATERS OF THE STATE" AND TO DEFINE "WETLANDS" AND "NONCONTIGUOUS WETLANDS"; TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-50, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNDER THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR DRAINAGE, EXCAVATING, OR CONSTRUCTING ON WETLANDS; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 48-1-10 THROUGH 48-1-350 AS ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 48 ENTITLED THE "POLLUTION CONTROL ACT" AND TO RENAME CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 48 AS "POLLUTION CONTROL AND WETLANDS PROTECTION".

**04/04/01 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-8**

**04/04/01 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-8**

**04/12/01 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend., minority unfavorable Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-8**

**05/02/01 Senate Special order SJ-25**

**01/09/02 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-19**

**01/15/02 Senate Recalled from Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-23**

**01/15/02 Senate Recommitted to Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee retaining its place on second reading calendar SJ-23**

**05/08/02 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources SJ-38**