COMMITTEE REPORT

February 15, 2018

**H. 4704**

Introduced by Reps. Loftis, Burns, Erickson, Chumley, Yow, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, McCravy and Pitts

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Read the first time January 24, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4704) to amend Section 48‑39‑130, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to permits to utilize critical areas, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DAVID R. HIOTT for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Introduced on January 24, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill codifies current procedures for the issuance of general permits available for tideland critical areas of the coastal zone. DHEC currently has in place an application process for the general permit, including a fee structure and an appeals process. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO UTILIZE CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ISSUE GENERAL PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 48‑39‑130 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 197 of 2016, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) The department, in its discretion, may issue a general permit when the issuance of the general permit would advance the implementation of the goals, policies, and purposes contained in Sections 48‑39‑20, 48‑39‑30, and 48‑39‑280.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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