**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**H. 4843**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J.E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson

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Summary: Wetlands

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/16/2024 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20240116.docx))

1/16/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20240116.docx))

1/18/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

2/6/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sandifer

3/20/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Anderson

3/27/2024 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 29](h:\hj\20240327.docx))

4/9/2024 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 43](h:\hj\20240409.docx))

4/9/2024 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 43](h:\hj\20240409.docx))

4/9/2024 House Roll call Yeas-103 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 44](h:\hj\20240409.docx))

4/10/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 12](h:\hj\20240410.docx))

4/10/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 4](h:\sj\20240410.docx))

4/10/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** ([Senate Journal‑page 4](h:\sj\20240410.docx))

4/17/2024 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Goldfinch (ch),
Williams, McElveen, Talley, M.Johnson

4/24/2024 Senate Polled out of committee **Agriculture and Natural Resources** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](h:\sj\20240424.docx))

4/24/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture and Natural Resources** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](h:\sj\20240424.docx))

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Polled Out Of Committee

Majority Favorable

April 24, 2024

H. 4843

Introduced by Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson

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Read the first time April 10, 2024

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The committee on Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4843) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 48-39-148 so as to authorize businesses with a deck, dock, or other structure located in a critical area, etc., respectfully

Report:

Has polled the Bill out majority favorable.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Title 48 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 48-39-148. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provision of law to the contrary, including any provision of or authorized by this chapter, a business that contains a grandfathered or permitted commercial deck or marina that is located in a critical area may utilize such structure for purposes of providing food and beverage services for consumption by patrons of the business.

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

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