**South Carolina General Assembly**

125th Session, 2023-2024

**A225, R251, H4843**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

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

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Introduced in the House on January 16, 2024

Introduced in the Senate on April 10, 2024

Last Amended on June 26, 2024

Currently residing in the House

Governor's Action: July 2, 2024, Signed

Summary: Structures located in critical areas

**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))

5/7/2024 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 83](h:\sj\20240507.docx))

5/7/2024 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 83](h:\sj\20240507.docx))

5/7/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 83](h:\sj\20240507.docx))

5/8/2024 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 79](h:\sj\20240508.docx))

5/9/2024 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 31](h:\hj\20240509.docx))

5/9/2024 House Roll call Yeas-0 Nays-102 ([House Journal‑page 32](h:\hj\20240509.docx))

5/9/2024 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Goldfinch, Campsen, McElveen ([Senate Journal‑page 50](h:\sj\20240509.docx))

5/9/2024 House Conference committee appointed Bailey, Hardee, Anderson ([House Journal‑page 152](h:\hj\20240509.docx))

6/26/2024 Senate Conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 205](h:\sj\20240626.docx))

6/26/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 205](h:\sj\20240626.docx))

6/26/2024 House Conference report received and adopted

6/26/2024 House Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0

6/26/2024 House Ordered enrolled for ratification

6/27/2024 Ratified R 251

7/2/2024 Signed By Governor

7/17/2024 Effective date 07/02/24

7/17/2024 Act No. 225

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48‑39‑148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUSINESSES WITH A DECK OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOOD OR BEVERAGE SERVICES TO PATRONS.

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

Wetlands

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.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 27th day of June, 2024.

Approved the 2nd day of July, 2024.

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