

## Session 122 - (2017-2018)

**H\*4003 (Rat #0118, Act #0092 of 2017) General Bill, By Hiott, Hewitt, Davis, Forrest, Bennett, West, Ott, Atkinson and Hixon**

**Summary:** Produce Safety Act

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 26 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO ENACT THE "PRODUCE SAFETY ACT", TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ENFORCE CERTAIN FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO FARM PRODUCE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT CERTAIN FARMS; TO SEIZE, CONDEMN, AND DESTROY COVERED PRODUCE; AND TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FOR FORFEITURE AND DESTRUCTION OF COVERED PRODUCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPEAL OF COURT ORDERS; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, INCLUDING "FARM" AND "COVERED PRODUCE"; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN FARMS AND PRODUCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THE CHAPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - ratified title

**03/15/17 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 9)**  
**03/15/17 House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 9)**  
**03/22/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hewitt, Davis, Forrest, Bennett, West, Ott, Atkinson**  
**03/23/17 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 3)**  
**03/28/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon**  
**03/28/17 House Amended (House Journal-page 53)**  
**03/28/17 House Read second time (House Journal-page 53)**  
**03/28/17 House Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-11 (House Journal-page 54)**  
**03/29/17 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12)**  
**03/29/17 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 15)**  
**03/29/17 Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources (Senate Journal-page 15)**  
**04/20/17 Senate Committee report: Favorable Agriculture and Natural Resources (Senate Journal-page 11)**  
**05/03/17 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 43)**  
**05/03/17 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 43)**  
**05/03/17 Senate Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 43)**  
**05/04/17 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 16)**  
**05/04/17 Scrivener's error corrected**  
**05/10/17 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 26)**  
**05/10/17 House Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 27)**  
**05/15/17 Ratified R 118**  
**05/19/17 Signed By Governor**  
**05/30/17 Effective date 05/19/17**  
**05/31/17 Act No. 92**