

## Session 117 - (2007-2008)

**H\*4470 (Rat #0385, Act #0357 of 2008) General Bill, By Harrell, Leach, Cato, Hagood, Hamilton, Harrison, Limehouse, Merrill, Scarborough, W.D. Smith, Stavrinakis, Walker, Young, Gambrell, Haley, Bedingfield, Mahaffey, Cotty, McLeod, Owens, Rice, Bowen, Viers and Shoopman**

**Summary:** Fire sprinkler systems

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-5-390 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UTILITY MAY NOT IMPOSE A TAP FEE, RECURRING MAINTENANCE FEE, OR OTHER FEE, HOWEVER DESCRIBED FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM THAT EXCEEDS THE ACTUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE WATER LINE TO THE SYSTEM AND TO DEFINE ACTUAL COSTS; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3622 SO AS TO ALLOW A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT, AT THE OPTION OF THE PROPERTY-TAXING ENTITY FOR TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF INSTALLING A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WHEN SUCH INSTALLATION IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT, TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE CREDITS ARE USED WHEN EARNED BY PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES, AND TO MAKE UNUSED CREDITS TRANSFERABLE BY THE STRUCTURE'S OWNER TO A TENANT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-3130, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSTALLATION OF A FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IN A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WHEN THE INSTALLATION IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW IS NOT AN ADDITION OR IMPROVEMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-80 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ENFORCEMENT OF THAT PORTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE OR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FIRE CODE THAT PROHIBITS THE USE OF NATURAL CUT TREES IN CELEBRATIONS IN HOUSES OF WORSHIP; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE VALUE OF FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WHEN THE INSTALLATION IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS EXEMPTION APPLIES UNTIL THE PROPERTY UNDERGOES AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST. - ratified title

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| 01/15/08 | House  | Introduced and read first time HJ-11   |
| 01/15/08 | House  | Referred to Committee on Ways and Means HJ-11  |
| 01/16/08 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gambrell                                    |
| 01/22/08 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Haley, Bedingfield, Mahaffey, Cotty, McLeod |
| 01/23/08 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Owens, Rice, Bowen                          |
| 02/12/08 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Viers                                       |
| 02/12/08 | House  | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means HJ-2                       |
| 02/14/08 | House  | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Shoopman                                    |
| 02/14/08 | House  | Amended HJ-16  |
| 02/14/08 | House  | Read second time HJ-19   |
| 02/14/08 | House  | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day HJ-19                    |
| 02/15/08 | House  | Read third time and sent to Senate HJ-1  |
| 02/15/08 |        | Scrivener's error corrected  |
| 02/19/08 | Senate | Introduced and read first time SJ-5  |
| 02/19/08 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-5  |
| 05/28/08 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance SJ-15                             |
| 05/29/08 | Senate | Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted SJ-186                                       |
| 05/29/08 | Senate | Amended SJ-186   |
| 05/29/08 | Senate | Read second time SJ-186  |
| 05/29/08 | Senate | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day SJ-186                   |
| 05/30/08 |        | Scrivener's error corrected  |
| 05/30/08 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments SJ-1                           |
| 06/03/08 | House  | Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled HJ-14                                     |
| 06/05/08 |        | Ratified R 385   |
| 06/11/08 |        | Vetoed by Governor   |
| 06/25/08 | House  | Veto overridden by originating body Yeas-109 Nays-0                                  |
| 06/25/08 | Senate | Veto overridden Yeas-43 Nays-0   |
| 07/10/08 |        | Copies available   |

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