

## Session 114 - (2001-2002)

### **S 0223 General Bill, By Drummond, McConnell, Ravenel, Leventis, Richardson, Courson, Waldrep, Giese and Hayes**

**Summary:** Wetlands Protection Act, Conservation, Health and Environmental Control Department, Pollution Control, Natural Resources

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT", WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE PROTECTION, MANAGEMENT, AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE WETLANDS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DIRECTS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PERMITTING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZES IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEE SCHEDULE; TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE "POLLUTION CONTROL ACT", SO AS TO INCLUDE WETLANDS IN THE DEFINITION OF WATERS OF THE STATE AND TO REVISE OTHER DEFINITIONS TO CONFORM TO THAT AMENDED DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 48-1-50 RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL UNDER THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR DRAINING OR EXCAVATING OR CONSTRUCTING IN WETLANDS; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 48-1-10 THROUGH 48-1-350 AS ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 48 ENTITLED THE "POLLUTION CONTROL ACT" AND TO RENAME CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 48 AS "POLLUTION CONTROL AND WETLANDS PROTECTION".

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