

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0367 (Rat #0038, Act #0022 of 2025) General Bill, By Campsen

Summary: Abandoned Vessels, Derelict Vessels, and Sunken Vessels

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 21, TITLE 50 ENTITLED "ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS" SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ABANDONED VESSELS, DERELICT VESSELS, AND SUNKEN VESSELS ARE PUBLIC NUISANCES; TO DEFINE TERMS; TO ESTABLISH THE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON THAT CAUSES OR ALLOWS A VESSEL TO BECOME AN ABANDONED VESSEL OR A DERELICT VESSEL AND THE PENALTIES FOR INTENTIONALLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSING A VESSEL TO SINK; TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING THE ARTICLE; TO ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE FOR DECLARING CERTAIN VESSELS ABANDONED OR DERELICT; TO REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF A DERELICT VESSEL WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS REMOVAL; AND TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A WEBSITE AND APPLICATION FOR THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN VESSELS; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-190 RELATING TO ABANDONED WATERCRAFT; BY REPEALING SECTION 50-23-205 RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF CERTAIN WATERCRAFT; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-21-10(1) RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF ABANDON. - RATIFIED TITLE

02/20/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 6)
02/20/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 6)
03/19/25	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Fish, Game and Forestry (Senate Journal-page 5)
03/25/25	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 22)
03/25/25	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 22)
03/25/25	Senate	Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 22)
03/27/25	Senate	Read third time and sent to House
04/03/25	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 26)
04/03/25	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 26)
04/29/25	House	Committee report: Favorable Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (House Journal-page 4)
05/01/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 15)
05/01/25	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 16)
05/01/25	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 17)
05/02/25	House	Read third time and enrolled (House Journal-page 11)
05/06/25		Ratified R 38
05/08/25		Signed By Governor
05/16/25		Effective date 05/08/25
05/16/25		Act No. 22