

Session 125 - (2023-2024)

H 3989 General Bill, By Ott, G.M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon

Summary: Solar, Agricultural, Farmland and Environmental Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

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| 02/16/23 | House | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 17) |
| 02/16/23 | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 17) |
| 05/03/23 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 9) |
| 05/04/23 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Williams, Henegan |
| 05/09/23 | House | Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-10-23 (House Journal-page 20) |
| 05/10/23 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bauer, Forrest |
| 05/10/23 | House | Debate adjourned until Thur., 5-11-23 (House Journal-page 17) |
| 05/11/23 | House | Debate adjourned until Tues., 1-9-24 (House Journal-page 22) |
| 01/09/24 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson |
| 01/10/24 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wheeler |
| 01/10/24 | House | Debate adjourned until Tues., 1-23-24 (House Journal-page 45) |
| 01/23/24 | House | Debate adjourned until Tues., 2-6-24 (House Journal-page 15) |
| 01/23/24 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Anderson, Calhoon |
| 02/06/24 | House | Debate adjourned until Mon., 2/19/24 (House Journal-page 18) |
| 02/27/24 | House | Debate adjourned until Mon., 3/18/24 (House Journal-page 38) |
| 03/19/24 | House | Recommitted to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (House Journal-page 13) |