

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S\*0399 (Rat #0070, Act #0060 of 2023) General Bill, By Peeler, Alexander, Malloy, Kimbrell and Grooms**

**Similar (H 3239, H 4124)**

**Summary:** DHEC restructuring

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-20, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO ASSUME THE HEALTH-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 44-1-60, 44-1-140, AND 44-1-150, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 1-30-45 AND 44-1-65 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND THE PERMITTING OF CERTAIN ANIMAL FACILITIES; BY RENAMING CHAPTER 1 OF TITLE 44, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH"; BY ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO ASSUME THE ENVIRONMENTAL-RELATED FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR BY THE GOVERNOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 49, RELATING TO WATER RESOURCES, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE WATER RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-30-135 AND 1-30-140 SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25 SO AS TO TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE VETERANS HOMES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF FOOD SAFETY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FOOD SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-9-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN FOOD INSPECTIONS IN PRISON FACILITIES, SO AS TO TRANSFER INSPECTION RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-37-120, RELATING TO FROZEN MILK PRODUCT CONSUMER SAFETY, SO AS TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-600, RELATING TO CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS DECIDED BY CERTAIN BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PERFORM CERTAIN FUNCTIONS TO EFFECT THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INCLUDING THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND POPULATIONS SERVED BY THE PREDECESSOR AGENCIES AND THE PREPARATION OF REPORTS SUMMARIZING THE ANALYSIS AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE APPROPRIATE STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE RESTRUCTURED STATE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/17/23	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 7)
01/17/23	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 7)
02/10/23		Scrivener's error corrected
05/02/23	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 13)
05/02/23	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 16)
05/03/23	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted
05/03/23	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 25)
05/03/23	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 25)
05/03/23	Senate	Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 25)
05/04/23	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 14)
05/04/23	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 14)
05/09/23	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means (House Journal-page 4)
05/10/23	House	Scrivener's error corrected
05/10/23	House	Amended (House Journal-page 101)
05/10/23	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 101)
05/10/23	House	Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 119)
05/11/23	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 18)

05/11/23 Senate House amendment amended (Senate Journal-page 68)  
05/11/23 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 68)  
05/11/23 House Non-concurrence in Senate amendment (House Journal-page 75)  
05/11/23 House Roll call Yeas-1 Nays-97 (House Journal-page 77)  
05/11/23 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hutto, Verdin, Davis (Senate Journal-page 100)  
05/11/23 House Conference committee appointed Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Hewitt (House Journal-page 80)  
05/11/23 Senate Conference report received and adopted (Senate Journal-page 109)  
05/11/23 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 109)  
05/11/23 House Conference report adopted (House Journal-page 90)  
05/11/23 House Roll call Yeas-104 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 77)  
05/11/23 House Ordered enrolled for ratification (House Journal-page 122)  
05/17/23 Ratified R 70  
05/19/23 Signed By Governor  
05/26/23 Effective date See Act for Effective Date  
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