

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

### H 4803 General Bill, By R. Williams and King

**Summary:** Department of the Environment, creation

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH" AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE GOVERNOR, TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD AND TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BY THE GOVERNOR, TO TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISIONS, OFFICE, AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-4-130, 44-4-540, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-230, 44-7-320, 44-7-370, 44-7-760, 44-7-2430, 44-29-10, 44-29-150, 44-29-210, 44-53-160, AS AMENDED, 44-53-280, AS AMENDED, 44-53-290, AS AMENDED, 44-53-310, 44-53-320, 44-53-360, AS AMENDED, 44-53-740, 44-55-20, 44-55-30, 44-55-40, 44-55-45, 44-55-50, 44-55-60, 44-55-70, 44-55-120, 44-55-690, 44-55-860, 44-56-20, 44-56-30, 44-56-60, 44-56-100, 44-56-130, 44-56-160, 44-56-200, 44-56-210, 44-56-405, 44-56-410, 44-56-420, 44-56-495, 44-56-720, 44-56-840, AS AMENDED, 44-61-20, AS AMENDED, 44-61-30, 44-61-40, 44-61-50, 44-61-60, 44-61-70, 44-61-80, 44-61-130, 44-61-310, 44-61-350, 44-61-720, 44-61-800, 44-63-110, 44-69-20, 44-69-30, 44-69-50, 44-71-20, 44-75-20, AS AMENDED, 44-75-30, 44-75-40, 44-89-30, 44-93-20, 44-93-150, 44-93-160, 44-96-40, 44-96-85, 44-96-100, 44-96-120, AS AMENDED, 44-96-165, 44-96-170, 44-96-250, 44-96-440, 44-96-450, 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-130, 48-1-280, 48-2-20, 48-2-70, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-3-10, 48-3-140, 48-5-20, 48-14-20, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-34-40, 48-39-10, AS AMENDED, 48-39-35, 48-39-50, 48-39-270, 48-39-280, AS AMENDED, 48-39-320, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 48-43-10, 48-43-30, 48-43-40, 48-43-50, 48-43-60, 48-43-100, 48-43-390, 48-43-510, 48-43-520, 48-43-570, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 48-60-55, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-30, 49-4-20, 49-4-170, 49-5-30, 49-5-60, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, 49-11-170, AND 49-11-260, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS, EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, HOSPITALS, CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, DRINKING WATER, HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, VITAL STATISTICS, HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, HOSPICE PROGRAMS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS, BIRTHING CENTERS, INFECTIOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, POLLUTION CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, MINING, PRESCRIBED FIRES, COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, BEACH RESTORATION, OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INNOVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RECOVERY, IMPOUNDMENT OF NAVIGABLE WATERS, WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL, GROUNDWATER USE, AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT, AND DAMS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-140 SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-30-45 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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