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**H. 3471**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Offshore oil

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/8/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 254](file:///h:\hj\20190108.docx))

1/8/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 254](file:///h:\hj\20190108.docx))

5/8/2019 House Committee report: Favorable **Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj\20190508.docx))

1/15/2020 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  Hiott, Bryant, Forrest, Martin, Burns, Chumley, Haddon, Magnusson, DC Moss, and Bailey

1/30/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Haddon

2/19/2020 House Debate adjourned until Thur., 2‑20‑20 ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h:\hj\20200219.docx))

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

May 8, 2019

**H. 3471**

Introduced by Reps. Burns, Loftis, Long, Chumley and Hixon

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Read the first time January 8, 2019.

**THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NATURAL**

**RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3471) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 48‑43‑400 so as to provide that state agencies or political subdivisions may not approve, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

DAVID R. HIOTT for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48‑43‑400 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT APPROVE PLANS OR ORDINANCES THAT WOULD DETER, PROHIBIT, OR IMPEDE THE CONSTRUCTION OR USE OF INFRASTRUCTURE USED TO FACILITATE ATLANTIC OCEAN MARINE SEISMIC TESTING TO LOCATE RESERVES OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS OR FACILITATE THE TRANSPORTATION OR STORAGE OF ATLANTIC OCEAN OFFSHORE OIL OR GAS ONTO THE LAND OR WATERS OF THIS STATE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 2, Chapter 43, Title 48 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 48‑43‑400. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a state agency or a political subdivision of this State may not approve a plan or ordinance that would deter, prohibit, or otherwise impede the construction or the use of property or infrastructure of any kind to facilitate Atlantic Ocean marine seismic testing to locate reserves of oil and natural gas or the transportation or storage of Atlantic Ocean offshore oil or gas onto the land or within the waters of this State.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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