

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 5362 General Bill, By White, Frank, Cromer, Kilmartin, Edgerton, Gilreath, Beach, Magnuson and Pace **Similar (H 5071)**

Summary: Department of Transportation Commission dissolved

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "COMMISSION" AND ITS DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-40, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION POLICY, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO DISSOLVE THE COMMISSION AND TRANSFER ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-430, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S DUTY TO CARRY OUT THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY SHALL CARRY OUT THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-490, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL AUDITS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM SECRETARY; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-500, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ETHICS WORKSHOPS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-20, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR INTERMODAL AND FREIGHT PROGRAMS ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO HIGHWAY DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISH REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-110, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE IT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PRIVATE OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, COORDINATION OF FUNDING AND RESOURCES, AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AS AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-10, RELATING TO COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN GENERAL, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-30, RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY PRIMARY SYSTEM, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO TRANSFERS BETWEEN SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SYSTEMS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-310, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE SALE OR OTHER DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-710, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO HIGHWAY DISTRICTS AND INSERT THE TERM REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICTS, TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-720, RELATING TO STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1350, RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR ISSUANCE OF TURNPIKE BONDS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COMMISSION, INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1450, RELATING TO RESOLUTIONS TO ISSUE CERTAIN BONDS, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1620, RELATING TO ADVERTISEMENT AND THE AWARD OF CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE ADVERTISEMENTS SHALL APPEAR ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE, DELETE A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, AND INSERT A REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1630, RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL WORK, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND INSERT REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-20, RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, AND THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY FUND, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-210, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND ITS DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-220, RELATING TO REQUESTS BY THE COMMISSION FOR ISSUANCE OF STATE HIGHWAY BONDS, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE COMMISSION AND INSERT REFERENCES TO THE TERM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-250, RELATING TO PLEDGE FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BONDS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-11-280, RELATING TO CERTAIN BOND RESOLUTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMISSION COOPERATING WITH ADJOINING STATES WITH RESPECT TO CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERSTATE BRIDGES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-20, RELATING TO COUNTIES PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CERTAIN BRIDGES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-40, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION GRANTING PERMITS FOR TOLL BRIDGES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-50, RELATING TO PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR TOLL BRIDGES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-90, RELATING TO THE WIDTH OF BRIDGES ON STATE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-13-110, RELATING TO THE WANTON OR WILFUL INJURY TO OR DESTRUCTION OF BRIDGES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSIONERS AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFULLY INJURING PLANTS, SHRUBS, OR TREES ALONG BEAUTIFIED SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-120, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-140, RELATING TO SIGNS PERMITTED ALONG INTERSTATE OR FEDERAL-AID PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-150, RELATING TO PERMITS ISSUED FOR THE ERECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN SIGNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-170, RELATING TO INFORMATION SIGNS ON HIGHWAY RIGHTS OF WAY, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM COMMISSION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-200, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO CONTROL ADVERTISING IN AREAS ADJACENT TO THE INTERSTATE AND PRIMARY HIGHWAY SYSTEMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-210, RELATING TO EXPENDITURES FOR REMOVAL OF OUTDOOR ADVERTISING, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INSERT THE TERM DEPARTMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-5-55, 57-5-65, AND 57-3-185 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

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