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**H. 3948**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: Property tax exemption

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/14/2023 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20230214.docx))

2/14/2023 House Referred to Committee on **Ways and Means** ([House Journal‑page 9](h:\hj\20230214.docx))

2/21/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Robbins,
Brewer, Murphy, M.M. Smith, Williams,
Gilliam, Chapman, Gagnon, Kirby, Cobb-Hunter

2/22/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
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Bernstein, Bauer

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3/2/2023 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wheeler

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Vaughan

5/4/2023 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Ways and Means** ([House Journal‑page 4](h:\hj\20230504.docx))

5/9/2023 House Debate adjourned ([House Journal‑page 24](h:\hj\20230509.docx))

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5/11/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 21](h:\hj\20230511.docx))

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May 10, 2023

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12‑37‑220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTIES.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 12‑37‑220(B)(53) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(53) a renewable energy resource property having a nameplate capacity of and operating at no greater than twenty kilowatts, as measured in alternating current for a customer-generator. For purposes of this item, “renewable energy resource” and “customer-generator” means propertyas defined in Section 58‑40‑10 includes solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices that support, collect, generate, transfer, monitor, or store thermal or electric energy. This definition includes including, but is not limited to, all components that enhance the operational characteristics of the generating equipment, such as an advanced inverter or battery storage device, and equipment required to meet all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

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

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