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Summary: Offshore oil, Atlantic Ocean marine seismic testing; prohibit approving plans or ordinances that would deter, prohibit or impede construction or use of infrastructure used to facilitate testing

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**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.

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, the State of South Carolina, 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.”

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

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