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COMMITTEE REPORT

March 30, 2022

**H. 3524**

Introduced by Reps. Hixon and Forrest

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Read the first time April 7, 2021.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3524) to amend Act 205 of 2016, as amended, relating to the exemption of private, for‑profit pipeline companies from certain rights, powers, and privileges of telegraph and, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting language, and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. SECTION 2 of Act 205 of 2016, as last amended by Act 156 of 2018, is further amended to read:

“SECTION 2. Unless the General Assembly amends Section 58‑7‑10 in any manner before the passing of three years after the effective date of this act or if the language of subsection (B) is reenacted or otherwise extended by the General Assembly, the provisions of subsection (B), as added by this act, are repealed ~~November 30, 2020~~ June 30, 2024.”

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LUKE A. RANKIN for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill extends the sunset provision in Section 2 of Act 205 of 2016 from November 30, 2020, as amended by Act 156 of 2018, to June 30, 2022. Act 205 of 2016 relates to the eminent domain of property to exclude private, for-profit pipeline companies from the definition of public utility.

PSC indicates that the extension of the sunset from November 30, 2020, to June 30, 2022, to exclude private, for-profit companies from the definition of public utility will not increase the workload of the agency or require the agency to retain outside experts. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on PSC.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 205 OF 2016, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF PRIVATE, FOR‑PROFIT PIPELINE COMPANIES FROM CERTAIN RIGHTS, POWERS, AND PRIVILEGES OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES THAT OTHERWISE ARE EXTENDED TO PIPELINE COMPANIES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE SUNSET PROVISION TO JUNE 30, 2022.

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

SECTION 1. SECTION 2 of Act 205 of 2016, as last amended by Act 156 of 2018, is further amended to read:

“SECTION 2. Unless the General Assembly amends Section 58‑7‑10 in any manner before the passing of three years after the effective date of this act or if the language of subsection (B) is reenacted or otherwise extended by the General Assembly, the provisions of subsection (B), as added by this act, are repealed ~~November 30, 2020~~ June 30, 2022.”

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