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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 14, 2021

**H. 4064**

Introduced by Reps. G.M. Smith, Sandifer and Weeks

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4064) to amend Section 12‑37‑220, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to property tax exemptions, so as to clarify that manufacturing, 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, on page 1, after line 42, by adding an appropriately numbered new SECTION to read:

/SECTION \_\_. There is appropriated sixty-seven million, fifty-five thousand dollars from the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Contingency Reserve Fund to the Trust Fund for Tax Relief. The Board of Economic Advisors is directed to make any necessary adjustments among its forecasts for recurring and non-recurring revenue resulting from the appropriation contained herein. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 12‑37‑220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT MANUFACTURING PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY A PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR A 14.2857 PERCENT EXEMPTION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 12‑37‑220(B)(52)(a) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(a)(i) 14.2857 percent of the property tax value of manufacturing property assessed for property tax purposes pursuant to Section 12‑43‑220(a)(1). The exemption allowed by this item does not apply to property owned or leased by a public utility, as defined in Section 58-3-5, that is regulated by the Public Service Commission, regardless of whether the property is used for manufacturing. For purposes of this item, if the exemption is applied to real property, then it must be applied to the property tax value as it may be adjusted downward to reflect the limit imposed pursuant to Section 6, Article X of the South Carolina Constitution, 1895;

(ii) To the extent any such monies are refunded or otherwise credited under this item to a public utility that is regulated by the Public Service Commission, regardless of whether the property is used for manufacturing, any such refund or credits must be flowed through to customers as a reduction in rates, as appropriate.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to property tax years beginning after 2020.

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