

How to track a bill on the internet

1 Go to the Legislature's website at <http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2011/index.aspx> (this is for 2011 legislation only).

2 In the box next to **Bill(s)**, type in the number of the bill you're interested in, and hit ENTER. (If you're not sure of the bill number, click on "Bills" on the left side of the page, then you can select Text Search, Full List, or Subject Index).

3 You'll see a page showing the status of the bill so far. Along with the bill number, the title, and the sponsors, this page displays the date the bill was first introduced, and which committee it was assigned to. If the bill is scheduled for a hearing, it will show the date the hearing is scheduled. If it has already been debated and acted on in committee, it will show whether it passed, was tabled, or deferred to the nonexistent 41st legislative day (meaning it was killed). If a bill has been amended, this will be indicated. If a bill has been voted on by the full Senate or House, that will also be indicated.

4 To check to see **how a legislator voted** on a bill in committee or on the floor, click on the vote total.

5 To **listen to the actual testimony and debate**, click on the Public Broadcasting symbol to the far right. If the symbol appears on a line which refers to a hearing, then you would be listening to testimony and debate in committee. If the symbol is on a line which refers to a vote total, then you would be listening to just the vote on the bill. If the symbol is on a line which refers to the House of Representatives or the Senate, then you would be listening to floor debate on the bill.

6 For information on **amendments to the bill**, click on the date on the line referring to the amendment to read the actual wording of the amendment, and to see how legislators voted on the amendment.

7 To **read the complete bill**, click on the Bill Text Versions at the bottom of the screen. The first version (Printed) shows you the original wording of the bill. The bill in the example above was amended in Senate committee, so the version labeled "Senate Commerce and Energy" will show you the wording of the bill after it was amended. If a bill is amended multiple times, the most current version of the bill would be the bottom one. You can choose whether to view the bill in an HTML Version, or as a PDF.

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Senate Bill 21

The Committee on **Commerce** at the request of the Department of Health eliminate the requirement for single action hardware on primary exit doors for specialty resorts and vacation homes.

Keywords: Department of Health, Public Health and Safety

Date	Action	
01/11/2011	First read in Senate and referred to Senate Commerce and Energy S.J. 19	
01/20/2011	Scheduled for hearing	
01/20/2011	Commerce and Energy Motion to amend, Passed Amendment 21ja	
01/20/2011	Commerce and Energy Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 6, NAYS 0. S.J. 149	
01/20/2011	Placed on consent, Passed	
01/24/2011	Senate Do Pass Amended, Passed, YEAS 35, NAYS 0. S.J. 179	
01/25/2011	First read in House and referred to House Commerce and Energy H.J. 173	

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01/20/2011	Senate Commerce and Energy	Senate Commerce and Energy

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