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**TO: ALL AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**FROM: THE HONORABLE DAVID HIOTT, CHAIRMAN**

**DATE: March 15, 2017**

**There will be a meeting of the Agriculture Committee Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 410 of the Blatt Building. The following matters are on the agenda:**

**S. 181 -- Senator Shealy:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-56-200(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, "RESPONSIBLE PARTY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A PERSON WHO IS EXCLUDED FROM LIABILITY UNDER THE SUPERFUND RECYCLING EQUITY ACT, 42 U.S.C. SECTION 9627.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS: FAVORABLE**

**H. 3601 -- Reps. Clemmons, Pitts, Hiott, Hardee, Duckworth, Crawford, Yow, Delleney, Lowe and White:** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-665, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BEAR HUNTING TAGS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NONRESIDENT FEE TO OBTAIN A BEAR TAG, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE RANDOM DRAWING OF TAGS BY BEAR TAG APPLICANTS IN GAME ZONES OTHER THAN GAME ZONE 1, AND TO ELIMINATE THE APPLICATION FEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-430, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE HUNTING OF BEARS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING BEAR FOR STILL GUN HUNTS IN GAME ZONE 4, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO ALLOW THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR, TO ESTABLISH A SEASON FOR THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR ON PRIVATE LANDS AND ALL LANDS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL IN GAME ZONES 2, 3, AND 4, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROHIBITS THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF BEAR BY THE USE OR AID OF BAIT.

**WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED**

**H. 3559 -- Reps. Pitts, Ott, Putnam, Gagnon, Atkinson, Dillard, Martin, West, Hill and Bedingfield:** A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 55, TITLE 46, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CULTIVATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "HUMAN CONSUMPTION", TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL HEMP PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP IS AN AGRICULTURAL CROP UPON WHICH AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY CONDUCT RESEARCH, TO PROVIDE THAT INDUSTRIAL HEMP OR HEMP PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN ADULTERANT, TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE GROWING, SELLING, AND IMPORTATION OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP AND HEMP SEED, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXCLUDES INDUSTRIAL HEMP FROM THE DEFINITION OF MARIJUANA, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT SPECIFIES THAT CERTAIN CONDUCT REGARDING THE MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION, PURCHASE, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES RELATING TO DISGUIISING MARIJUANA TO MAKE IT APPEAR TO BE INDUSTRIAL HEMP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LABORATORY TESTING OF INDUSTRIAL HEMP.

**AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED**

**H. 4003 -- Rep. Hiott:** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 26 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO ENACT THE “PRODUCE SAFETY ACT”, TO ESTABLISH THE AUTHORITY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ENFORCE CERTAIN FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO FARM PRODUCE INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AUTHORITY TO INSPECT CERTAIN FARMS; TO SEIZE, CONDEMN, AND DESTROY COVERED PRODUCE; AND TO OBTAIN A COURT ORDER FOR FORFEITURE AND DESTRUCTION OF COVERED PRODUCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPEAL OF COURT ORDERS; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, INCLUDING “FARM” AND “COVERED PRODUCE”; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN FARMS AND PRODUCE; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF THE CHAPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE: FAVORABLE AS AMENDED**