**Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

**(Statewide Session)**

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## Indicates New Matter

 The Senate assembled at 12:00 Noon, the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

 A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

The Psalmist declares:

 “How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!”

(Psalm 133:1)

 Let us pray:

 Glorious and Loving God, here near the start of a New Year and at the beginning of this new legislative session, we humbly pray for Your blessings upon the Senate of South Carolina -- indeed, upon all who serve You faithfully in this State: our Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, every leader who honors You in this State House and who serves You throughout each county. In a time when rancor and distrust are so dominant in politics in the United States, may Your grace and love embrace each person who serves You, so that he and she may provide true leadership, working collaboratively and with a passion for the common good. And through it all during this year may it be the women and men and children of South Carolina who benefit, and the glory be Yours. In Your loving name we pray, Lord.

Amen.

 The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Nikki Randhawa Haley:

**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit:

 Jimmy A. Richardson II, 1000 Dublin Drive, Conway, SC 29526 *VICE* Greg Hembree

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Local Appointment**

Initial Appointment, Pickens County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2010, and to expire April 30, 2014

 Benjamin A. Dow, 153 Gilleland Road, Pickens, SC 29671 *VICE* Joe Wolfe

**Leave of Absence**

 On motion of Senator MALLOY, at 12:05 P.M., Senator PINCKNEY was granted a leave of absence beginning Tuesday, January 8, 2013 through Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

**REGULATIONS RECEIVED**

 The following were received and referred to the appropriate committees for consideration:

Document No. 4210

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-1-140, 44-33-30, 44-37-40, 44-37-50, and 44-89-10, et seq.

SUBJECT: Licensed Midwives

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4259

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-29-40

SUBJECT: South Carolina Immunization Registry

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4282

Agency: Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Chapter: 25

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-9-30

SUBJECT: Requirements of Licensure for Chiropractors

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4283

Agency: Workers’ Compensation Commission

Chapter: 67

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 42-3-30 and 42-17-50

SUBJECT: Oral Argument

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Judiciary Committee

Document No. 4285

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-19-90, 59-63-30, 59-63-420, 59-63-470, 59-63-480, 59-63-490, 59-63-500, 59-63-510, 59-63-520, 59-63-530, 59-65-30, 59-65-90, and 20 U.S.C. 7165

SUBJECT: Transfers and Withdrawals

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4288

Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control

Chapter: 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-70-10, et seq.

SUBJECT: Standards for Licensing In-Home Care Providers

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4290

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-11-10, 50-11-96, 50-11-105, 50-11-310, 50-11-335, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-520, 50-11-530, 50-11-854, 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210

SUBJECT: Seasons, Limits, Methods of Take and Special Use Restrictions on Wildlife Management Areas

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Fish, Game and Forestry Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4294

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-18-110, 59-29-10, et seq., 59-29-200, 59-33-30, 59-53-1810, 20 U.S.C. 1232(g), and 20 U.S.C. 6301, et seq.

SUBJECT: Defined Program, Grades 9-12

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Eduation Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4297

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Chapter: 123

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-11-10, 50-11-96, 50-11-105, 50-11-310, 50-11-335, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-520, 50-11-530, 50-11-854, 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210

SUBJECT: Seasons, Limits, Methods of Take and Special Use Restrictions on Wildlife Management Areas

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Fish, Game and Forestry Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4301

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 37-6-104, 37-6-403, and 37-6-506

SUBJECT: Notification and Fees Summary Procedures - Licensing, Adjustment of Dollar Amounts, Filing and Posting Maximum Rate Schedules, and “Lemon Law” Records and Arbitration

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Banking and Insurance Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4302

Agency: Department of Consumer Affairs

Chapter: 28

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 37-6-104, 37-6-402, 37-6-403, and 37-6-506

SUBJECT: Organization, Other Cases - Summary Procedure, Place of Hearings, Case Numbers and Titles, Form and Size of Papers, Filing and Service, Procedure, Contents of Formal Complaint, Answers, Pleadings and Action, Investigative Cases, Hearings, Evidence, and Close of Hearing

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Banking and Insurance Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4303

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-5-60

SUBJECT: Buildings and Grounds - Cleaning Program

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4304

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-19-90, and 59-23-210

SUBJECT: Buildings and Grounds - Defined Minimum Program for South Carolina School District

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4305

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-23-160

SUBJECT: Buildings and Grounds - Heating and Lighting

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Eduation Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4306

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60 and 59-19-90

SUBJECT: Buildings and Grounds Management - Fire Prevention

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4307

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-23-210

SUBJECT: Facility Specifications

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4309

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-40-10, et seq., and Public Law 111-117, December 16, 2001, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010

SUBJECT: Procedures and Standards for Review of Charter School Applications

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4310

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 59-23-210

SUBJECT: Project Plans and Specifications

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4311

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-9-10

SUBJECT: Sign Requirements for Petitions to Close Road

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Transportation Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Document No. 4312

Agency: Department of Transportation

Chapter: 63

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 57-25-170

SUBJECT: Specific Information Service Signing

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to the Transportation Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

 **REGULATIONS RESUBMITTED**

 The following were received:

Document No. 4168

Agency: South Carolina Perpetual Care Cemetery Board

Chapter: 21

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-8-10, et seq.

SUBJECT: Perpetual Care Cemetery Board

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Received by Lt. Gov January 8, 2013

Referred to Labor, Commerce and Industry February 2, 2011

Senate LCI Committee Requested Withdrawal May 18, 2011

120 Day Period Tolled

Withdrawn and Resubmitted January 10, 2012

Committee Requested Withdrawal January 24, 2012

120 Day Period Tolled

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 8, 2013

Received by Lt. Gov & Speaker January 8, 2013

Document No. 4226

Agency: Building Codes Council

Chapter: 8

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20 and 40-1-70

SUBJECT: Duties and Responsibilities of Department; Modular Buildings Construction

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Referred to Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee Feb. 7, 2012

Senate LCI Committee Requested Withdrawal May 18, 2011

120 Day Period Tolled

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 8, 2013

Document No. 4237

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Panel for Dietetics

Chapter: 40

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-20-50

SUBJECT: Definitions

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Referred to Senate Medical Affairs Committee on February 7, 2012

120 Day Period Tolled

Withdrawn and Resubmitted March 7, 2012

Resolution Introduced by Senate to Approve 1336 on March 13, 2012

Resolution Introduced to by Senate to Approve 1352 March 20, 2012

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 8, 2013

Document No. 4243

Agency: Manufactured Housing Board

Chapter: 79

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-29-10

SUBJECT: Board Authorized to Make Investigations and Deny, Suspend or Revoke Licenses

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Committee on LCI on February 7, 2012

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Committee Requested Withdrawal April 12, 2012

120 Day Period Tolled

Withdrawn and Resubmitted May 8, 2012

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 8, 2013

Referred to the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

Document No. 4261

Agency: State Board of Education

Chapter: 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-29-100, and 20 U.S.C. 6301, et seq.

SUBJECT: Graduation Requirements

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Education Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Received by Lt. Gov & Speaker February 2, 2012

Senate Referred to Education Committee February 14, 2012

Senate Resolution Introduced to Approve 1457 on April 18, 2012

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 18, 2013

Document No. 4286

Agency: Workers’ Compensation Commission

Chapter: 67

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 42-3-30, 42-9-10 and 42-9-30(21)

SUBJECT: Mediation

Received by Lieutenant Governor January 8, 2013

Referred to Judiciary Committee

Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2013

Senate Referred to Judiciary Committee May 29, 2012

Withdrawn due to end of two-year session June 8, 2012

Resubmitted with no substantive changes January 8, 2012

**Doctor of the Day**

 Senator GREGORY introduced Dr. Andrew J. Pate of Mount Pleasant, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**REPORT RECEIVED**

Joint Transportation Review Committee
Post Office Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202-0142

Date: January 7, 2013

To: Interested Parties

From: Joint Transportation Review Committee

Re: Notice of Initial Findings of Qualifications

Dear Mr. Gossett and Mr. Reid:

 The Joint Transportation Review Committee met on Tuesday, December 5, 2012. The committee found the following individuals qualified to serve on the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission.

Second District:

 Mr. Chad G. Ingram of Aiken

Seventh District:

 Mr. Rick F. Elliott of Little River

 Mr. Edward F. Holowacz of Myrtle Beach

 Mr. James M. (Mike) Wooten of Murrells Inlet

 Mr. Byron Yahnis of Florence

 This report of qualifications became final on Thursday, December 7, 2012.

Sincerely,

/s/ Larry Grooms

Chairman, Joint Transportation Review Committee

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator HUTTO rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator CAMPBELL rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 2 Sen. Cromer

S. 7 Sen. Johnson

S. 80 Sen. Bryant

S. 85 Sen. Shane Martin

S. 92 Sen. Shane Martin

S. 102 Sens. Shane Martin, Grooms

S. 108 Sen. Shane Martin

S. 115 Sen. Bryant

S. 128 Sens. Grooms, Campbell

S. 134 Sen. Williams

**Motion Adopted**

 Senator COURSON asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the list of prefiled Bills, a copy of which has been made available to each member, be entered in the Journal *en banc* as having been read and referred, as noted, unless any member shall make a motion to refer a Bill to a different committee.

**Parliamentary Inquiry**

 Senator MALLOY made a Parliamentary Inquiry as to the number of Bills that had been prefiled.

 The PRESIDENT stated that 153 Bills had been prefiled.

**Objection**

 Senator MALLOY asked unanimous consent that the Bills pertaining to early voting be placed on the Calendar without reference.

 Senators COURSON and LARRY MARTIN spoke on the request.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN objected.

 The motion that the prefiled Bills be entered in the Journal *en banc* as having been read and referred, as noted, was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 2 -- Senators Campsen, L. Martin and Cromer: A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE “EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BALLOT ACT”, BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1356, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS BY A CANDIDATE, TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND A CANDIDATE WHO IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL SHALL ELECTRONICALLY FILE OR UPDATE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, AS APPLICABLE, PRIOR TO FILING A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY OR NOMINATION FOR PETITION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FILING PERIOD RUNS FROM MARCH TWENTY-THIRD TO MARCH THIRTIETH, TO REQUIRE THAT THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOT ACCEPT A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY UNLESS THE COMMITTEE VERIFIES THAT THE CANDIDATE FILED AN ELECTRONIC STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT INTENTIONS OF CANDIDACY ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION COMMISSION BY NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY AFTER THE FILING DEADLINE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 3 -- Senators L. Martin, Hayes and Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61-2-180, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO BINGO, RAFFLES, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS SECTION IS NOT AN EXCEPTION OR LIMITATION TO ACTIVITIES, DEVICES, OR MACHINES THAT ARE PROHIBITED BY SECTION 12-21-2710 OR OTHER PROVISIONS THAT PROHIBIT GAMBLING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61-4-580, RELATING TO GAME PROMOTIONS ALLOWED BY HOLDERS OF PERMITS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BEER OR WINE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE USE OF AN ACTIVITY, DEVICE, OR MACHINE THAT IS PROHIBITED BY SECTION 12-21-2710 OR BY OTHER PROVISIONS THAT PROHIBIT GAMBLING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 4 -- Senators Scott, Malloy, Setzler, Matthews, Allen, Coleman, Ford, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Lourie, McElveen, McGill, Nicholson, Pinckney, Reese, Sheheen and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 5 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT “JAIDON’S LAW”; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS, APPROVAL, AND AMENDMENT OF A PLACEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A CHILD REMOVED FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE VISITATION RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENTS UNDER THE PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1690, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A PLACEMENT PLAN WHEN THE CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS INCLUDE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY THE PARENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN MANDATORY, RATHER THAN IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1710, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF THE PARENT IS CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OR AIDING OR ABETTING TO COMMIT HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED THREE HAIR-STRAND DRUG TESTS OVER A NINE-MONTH PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED TWICE IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A TREATMENT PLAN OR PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1940, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED PLACEMENT OF A PERSON IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT A PERSON BE PLACED IN THE REGISTRY IF THE PERSON GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2570, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS ON THE GROUNDS OF SEVERE AND REPETITIVE ABUSE OR NEGLECT INCLUDES HOSPITALIZATION OF A CHILD FOR MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO INCLUDE IN THE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT’S ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ABUSE WHEN THE PARENT’S ADDICTION IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME; AND TO PROVIDE AS A GROUND FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT BEING CONVICTED OF MURDER, VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, OR HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 6 -- Senator Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-11-260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO ADJUST THE NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AND LICENSE RENEWAL, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 7 -- Senators Courson, McGill, Williams, Sheheen and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-520, RELATING TO COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS, TO REDUCE THE OBLIGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ANNUALLY EXAMINE RECORDS OF ASSESSORS, AUDITORS, TREASURERS, AND TAX COLLECTORS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO ANNUALLY EXAMINE THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-530, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF VIOLATIONS, TO REDUCE THE OBLIGATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INITIATE COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND PROSECUTIONS OF VIOLATIONS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-30, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MULTIPLE TAXES TO BE LEVIED ON THE SAME ASSESSMENT, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF STATE TAXES TO COUNTY TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 21-37-266, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR DWELLINGS HELD IN TRUST, TO REQUIRE A COPY OF THE TRUST AGREEMENT BE PROVIDED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-290, RELATING TO THE GENERAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, TO CHANGE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE FIRST TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE VALUE OF THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF A HOMEOWNER WHO IS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO CONFORM WITH OTHER SECTIONS OF THE CODE, AND TO TRANSFER FROM THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND FORMS, AND THE OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE THE STATE AGENCY OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN EVALUATING DISABILITY UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-450, RELATING TO THE BUSINESS INVENTORY TAX EXEMPTION, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE AMOUNT OF REIMBURSEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO DEBT SERVICE BE REDISTRIBUTED TO OTHER SEPARATE MILLAGES ONCE THE DEBT IS PAID, TO REQUIRE THE REIMBURSEMENT BE REDISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONATELY TO THE SEPARATE MILLAGES LEVIED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE REDISTRIBUTION BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE MILLAGE RATES IN THE YEAR 1987, AND TO REQUIRE THE ATTRIBUTION OF THE CURRENT TAX YEAR MILLAGE RATES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-710, RELATING TO THE RETURN AND ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO STRIKE “OF FULL AGE AND OF SOUND MIND” AS A QUALIFIER FOR EVERY PERSON WHO MUST LIST PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-715, RELATING TO THE FREQUENCY OF AD VALOREM TAXATION ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO ALLOW NEWLY ACQUIRED VEHICLES TO BE TAXED MORE THAN ONCE IN A TAX YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-760, RELATING TO STATEMENTS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION WHERE A PERSON REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO DELIVER A STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO ELIMINATE THE OBLIGATION AND TO ALLOW THE PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ASCERTAIN AND RETURN A LIST OF THAT PERSON’S PERSONAL PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW THAT HE MAY DENOTE REASONS FOR THE REFUSAL; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-850, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS TO HEAR MATTERS ORIGINATED FROM THE TAXPAYER CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS OF FALSE RETURNS, TAX EVASION, OR FRAUD; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-890, RELATING TO PERSONAL PROPERTY RETURNS FOR TAXATION PURPOSES, TO STRIKE LANGUAGE LISTING ANIMALS AND VEHICLES AND REPLACE WITH DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY USED IN ANY BUSINESS TO BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT IS SITUATED FOR TAXATION PURPOSES, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL BANKERS’ CAPITAL OR PERSONAL ASSETS RELATED TO THE BANKING BUSINESS BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY WHERE THE BANKING HOUSE IS LOCATED FOR TAXATION PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-900, RELATING TO PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS, TO STRIKE THE DESIGNATED DATES OF THE REQUIRED ANNUAL RETURNS OF PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND TO STRIKE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO WAIVE THE PENALTIES OF FAILURE TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-940, RELATING TO VALUATION OF ARTICLES OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT MONEY AND BANK BILLS BE VALUED AT PAR VALUE AND THAT CREDITS BE VALUED AT THE FACE VALUE OF THE CONTRACT UNLESS THE PRINCIPAL BE PAYABLE AT A FUTURE TIME WITHOUT INTEREST AND CONTRACTS FOR THE DELIVERY OF SPECIFIC ARTICLES BE VALUED AT THE USUAL SELLING PRICE OF SUCH ITEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-970, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT AND RETURN OF MERCHANTS’ INVENTORIES, TO REMOVE MERCHANTS’ INVENTORIES FROM THE REQUIRED ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR TAXATION PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2420, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR AIRLINE COMPANIES, TO CHANGE THE DATE OF FILING FROM APRIL FIFTEENTH TO APRIL THIRTIETH, AND TO STRIKE LANGUAGE DESIGNATING THE FILING DEADLINES FOR AIRLINES IN YEAR 1976; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2610, RELATING TO TAX YEAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO VEHICLE LICENSE AND REPLACE WITH VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, TO REMOVE REFERENCES AND PROCEDURES FOR TWO-YEAR VEHICLE LICENSES, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR TRANSFER OF THE LICENSE FROM ONE VEHICLE TO ANOTHER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTICES OF SALES BY DEALERS MUST BE MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES RATHER THAN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2630, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES, TO REQUIRE THAT AN OWNER OF A VEHICLE SHALL MAKE A PROPERTY TAX RETURN TO THE AUDITOR WITHIN FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF THE VEHICLE BECOMING TAXABLE IN A COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2660, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE REGISTRATIONS, TO REDUCE THE TIME THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PROVIDE A LIST OF LICENSE REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FROM NINETY TO SIXTY DAYS AND TO UPDATE THE REQUIRED FORM OF THE LISTINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2725, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE TITLE OF A VEHICLE TO ANOTHER STATE, TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF THE RETURN OF THE LICENSE PLATE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO DELINEATE THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A TAX REFUND FOR THE PORTION OF THE TAX YEAR REMAINING; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-37-2735, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO ELIMINATE THE FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE AUDITOR AND TO REQUIRE HIM TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE BEFORE ENTERING INTO OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-40, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY AUDITOR, TO REQUIRE THE APPOINTMENT TO BE FILED WITH THE STATE TREASURER INSTEAD OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-60, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TO CHANGE THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING TAX RETURNS FROM APRIL FIFTEENTH TO APRIL THIRTIETH AND TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE FOR A LOCATION TO RECEIVE RETURNS TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR THE PROVIDING OF THIS NOTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-120, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO ENTER INTO BUILDINGS THAT ARE NOT DWELLINGS TO DETERMINE VALUE, TO CHANGE THE DETERMINATION FROM THE VALUE OF ANY BUILDING TO THE VALUE OF ANY TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-160, RELATING TO SPECIAL LEVIES, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR REPORT THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO SPECIAL LEVIES TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, BOARDS OF EDUCATION, AND BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-190, RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE REPORTING BE IN A NUMBER OF COLUMNS SPECIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-200, RELATING TO FORMS THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAY PRESCRIBE, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE THE TYPES OF ACCEPTABLE FORMAT REQUIRED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-220, RELATING TO OMISSION OF NEW PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY DUPLICATE, TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, TO ELIMINATE THE SPECIFICATION OF A TWENTY PERCENT PENALTY FOR UNPAID TAXES TO REPLACE WITH ALL APPLICABLE PENALTIES, AND TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATE LANGUAGE IN THE CODE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR’S RECORDS, TO REDUCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT AUDITORS KEEP RECORDS OF ALL SALES OR CONVEYANCES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY TO KEEP THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-270, RELATING TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR’S ABATEMENT BOOK, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE ABATEMENT ALLOWED IN ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS BETWEEN THE AUDITOR AND THE TREASURER TO BE ACCORDING TO THE RECORD IN THE ABATEMENT BOOK; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT, TO REQUIRE THAT IN ORDER TO PROVE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FOUR PERCENT HOME ASSESSMENT RATIO, THE OWNER-OCCUPANT MUST PROVIDE PROOF THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN HIS NAME WERE REGISTERED AT THAT SAME ADDRESS; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-45-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY TREASURERS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-35, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COUNTY TREASURERS, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT OF THE FILING OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO THE FILING WITH THE STATE TREASURER; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-70, RELATING TO COLLECTION OF TAXES, TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH COLLECTING TAXES SHALL SEND A LIST OF TAXES PAID TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES INSTEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ACCEPT THIS CERTIFICATION INSTEAD OF A TAX RECEIPT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-90, RELATING TO THE FORMS OF PAYMENT FOR TAXES, TO STRIKE FROM THE ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PAYMENT, JURY CERTIFICATES, CIRCUIT COURT WITNESS PER DIEMS, AND COUNTY CLAIMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-120, RELATING TO DELINQUENT TAXATION, TO REPLACE THE DESIGNATION OF CHATTEL TAX WITH THE TERM PERSONAL TAX; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-180, RELATING TO THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO ADD THE OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES AS AN OFFICE AUTHORIZED TO WAIVE PENALTIES IN CASES OF IMPROPER MAILING OR ERROR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-185, RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT TAXES, TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TREASURER TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY AUDITOR OF SUCH WAIVERS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-260, RELATING TO THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF COUNTY TREASURER TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TREASURER MUST REPORT TO THE COUNTY SUPERVISOR ON THE FIFTEENTH OF EACH MONTH AND TO ALLOW THE TREASURER TO REPORT MONTHLY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-300, RELATING TO THE AUDITOR’S LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO STRIKE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE AUDITOR MUST MAKE MARGINAL NOTATIONS AS TO THE REASONS THE TAXES WERE NOT COLLECTABLE, AND TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TREASURER MUST SIGN AND SWEAR TO THE LIST BEFORE THE AUDITOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-45-420, RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES DUE TO ERRORS BY THE COUNTY BY A COMMITTEE MADE UP OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR, TREASURER, AND ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THAT THE WAIVER MUST BE BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-10, RELATING TO LIENS AND SUITS FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES, TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION OF DEBTS PAYABLE TO THE STATE TO DEBTS PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-20, RELATING TO LIENS IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES, TO MOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO COLLECT DELINQUENT TAXES TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-85, RELATING TO UNCOLLECTABLE PROPERTY TAX FOR DERELICT MOBILE HOMES, TO CHANGE THE AUTHORITY FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO THE COUNTY ASSESSOR TO DETERMINE THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF A MOBILE HOME AND TO INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE ASSESSOR REMOVE THE DERELICT HOME FROM HIS RECORDS AND THE AUDITOR TO REMOVE THE DERELICT HOME FROM THE DUPLICATE LIST; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-910, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN BY THE SHERIFF OR COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF TO LEVY AND SEIZE PROPERTY OF A DEFAULTING TAXPAYER; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-920, RELATING TO THE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY FOR TAX DEFAULT BY THE COUNTY SHERIFF OR THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF TO POSSESS THE SEIZED PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-930, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN, TO REMOVE THE REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY SHERIFF; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-940, RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SEIZED DUE TO A TAX LIEN BY THE COUNTY SHERIFF OR TAX COLLECTOR, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO ADVERTIZE FOR THE SALE OF THE PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-950, RELATING TO BIDDING ON PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX LIEN BY THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO ALLOW BIDS TO BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-960, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A TAX SALE, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1110, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF REAL PROPERTY MORTGAGES, TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF “TAX TITLE” FROM “A DEED FOR REAL PROPERTY AND A BILL OF SALE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY” TO “A DEED FOR REAL PROPERTY OR A BILL OF SALE FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY”; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1150, RELATING TO THE NOTICE TO MORTGAGEE OF A TAX SALE, TO INCLUDE IN THE INFORMATION PROVIDED THE TAX MAP NUMBER OF THE PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1220, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING NOTICE OF TAX SALE OF MOBILE OR MANUFACTURED HOMES, TO SPECIFY THE FORMS OF LIENHOLDERS PROVIDED TO TAX COLLECTORS FOR NOTICE TO BE THOSE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-49-1270, RELATING TO THE RIGHTS OF THE LIENHOLDER IN A TAX SALE AND THE RIGHTS AND REMEDIES THAT ARE NOT AFFECTED BY COMPLIANCE OF THE INFORMATION PROVISIONS, TO CHANGE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR TO THE ASSESSOR; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-40, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAXES AND THE TREATMENT OF MOBILE HOMES AS PERSONAL PROPERTY, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE HOMES ANNEXATION TO THE LAND BY THE HOMEOWNER TO THE AUDITOR TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH DE-TITLING PROVISIONS OF THE MANUFACTURED HOUSING LAW AND TO ALLOW A COUNTY TO CONTRACT IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-55, RELATING TO THE BID ON PROPERTY SOLD FOR AD VALOREM TAXES, TO REMOVE THE PROVISIONS FOR THE APPLICATIONS OF THE FUNDS FOR WHEN THE PROPERTY IS NOT REDEEMED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-51-80, RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT BY THE TREASURER, TO INCREASE THE TIME OF SETTLEMENT TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM THIRTY DAYS TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE TAX SALE; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-59-30, RELATING TO THE SUFFICIENCY OF DEEDS OF LANDS FORFEITED TO THE STATE COMMISSIONS IN YEAR 1939; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-40, RELATING TO FORFEITED LAND COMMISSIONS, TO INCLUDE LANDS FORFEITED TO COUNTY TAX COLLECTORS IN LANDS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE AND TO REMOVE THE STATE AS HOLDER OF PROPERTY HELD AND SOLD BY THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-50, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO REMOVE THE REFERENCE TO DELINQUENT STATE TAXES SUBJECT TO THESE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-70, RELATING TO FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION SALES, TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF SUBMITTING TITLE TO THE COMMISSION AND TO REFERENCE THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR SUBMITTING TITLE TO THE COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-80, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION, TO DESIGNATE THE PROCEDURE FOR ACCEPTING BIDS FOR THE SALE OF FORFEITED PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-90, RELATING TO FORFEITED LANDS TAX SALES, TO REMOVE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF TO EXECUTE DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES FOR FORFEITED LANDS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO EXECUTE THE DEEDS AND CONVEYANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-100, RELATING TO THE TURNING OVER OF PROCEEDS OF A DELINQUENT TAX SALE BY THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION TO THE COUNTY TREASURER AND THE TREASURER TO DEPOSIT THESE FUNDS INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE TREASURER DO SO AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR AND TO STRIKE REFERENCES TO THE STATE INTERESTS IN THESE PROCEEDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-59-110, RELATING TO FEES AND COSTS OF THE SHERIFF FOR SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION IN REGARD TO DELINQUENT TAX SEIZURES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-59-120, RELATING TO THE FORFEITED LANDS COMMISSION, TO REPLACE REFERENCE TO THE COUNTY SHERIFFS WITH THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR REGARDING THE ALLOWING OF AGENTS OF THE COMMISSION ACCESS TO EXECUTIONS ISSUED FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-1760, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX PROTESTS, TO REPLACE THE COUNTY AUDITOR WITH THE COUNTY IN REGARD TO WHO IS OBLIGATED TO RATABLY APPORTION FEES, EXPENSES, DAMAGES, AND COSTS RESULTING IN DEFENDING A COURT ACTION, AND TO REPLACE THE COUNTY AUDITOR OR TREASURER WITH THE COUNTY AS TO WHO MAY CAUSE A MUNICIPALITY TO BE MADE A PARTY TO ANY ACTION INVOLVING A MUNICIPAL LEVY.

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 S. 8 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-110, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIABILITY OF AN OWNER OR KEEPER OF A DOG FOR A DOG ATTACK, TO PROVIDE THAT LIABILITY DOES NOT EXTEND TO TRAINED LAW ENFORCEMENT DOGS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OR DOGS ACTING IN DEFENSE OF A PERSON; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 23 BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-140, RELATING TO PATROL CANINE TEAMS.

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 S. 9 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 27-37-45 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERMS “MALICIOUS PROPERTY DAMAGE” AND “SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO SAFETY” AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED EJECTMENT PROCESS WHEN THE TENANT, A MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD, OR A GUEST CAUSES MALICIOUS DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OR SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO SAFETY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-21-1010, RELATING TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND COSTS TO BE COLLECTED BY MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO SET A FIFTY DOLLAR FILING FEE TO APPLY FOR AN EXPEDITED EJECTMENT.

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 S. 10 -- Senator L. Martin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013, TO SELL OR LEASE SCHOOL PROPERTY, REAL OR PERSONAL, IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT ANY TIME THEY DEEM IT EXPEDIENT TO DO SO AND APPLY THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OR LEASE TO THE SCHOOL FUND OF THE DISTRICT.

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 S. 11 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1-110 TO PROVIDE THAT COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE IN THE STATE MAY NOT BE RECOGNIZED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2011, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR A COMMON-LAW MARRIAGE EXISTING AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 20-1-360 RELATING TO THE VALIDITY OF A MARRIAGE CONTRACTED WITHOUT THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE.

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 S. 12 -- Senator O'Dell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-10-108 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CLIENT COMPANY THAT CONTRACTS WITH A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYER AND IS ASSIGNED EMPLOYEES UNDER THAT CONTRACT, IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT, TO SPECIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE JOB DEVELOPMENT CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE CLIENT COMPANY MAY CLAIM THE CREDIT AND THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL ADMINISTER THE CREDIT WITH RESPECT TO A CLIENT COMPANY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-68-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING AN INCENTIVE OR BUSINESS PREFERENCE PROGRAM BASED ON EMPLOYMENT, AN ASSIGNED EMPLOYEE IS CONSIDERED AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CLIENT COMPANY.

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 S. 13 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1339 TO PROHIBIT A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ORGANIZED BY OR ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN STATEWIDE OFFICIALS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1340 TO DELETE REFERENCES TO A COMMITTEE ORGANIZED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ESTABLISHED, FINANCED, MAINTAINED, OR CONTROLLED BY A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL.

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 S. 14 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-360 TO ESTABLISH THE PALMETTO HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE INITIAL CREDIT TO THE FUND AND SUBSEQUENT INCREASES IN CREDITS TO THE FUND SHALL BE DERIVED FROM REVENUE SURPLUSES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER USE OF THE FUNDS IN THE FUND, AND TO CAP THE AMOUNT CREDITED TO THE FUND IN ANY SINGLE YEAR.

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 S. 15 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING THE “TAXPAYER FAIRNESS ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 12-4-397 TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MUST INTERPRET TAX STATUTES OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT TERMS IN THE TAX STATUTES OF THIS STATE MAY NOT BE GIVEN BROADER MEANING THAN INTENDED BY POLICY DOCUMENTS AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TO PROVIDE THAT AMBIGUITY IN TAX STATUTES MUST BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF THE TAXPAYER, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT AMBIGUITIES TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO DEFINE “TAX STATUTES OF THIS STATE”.

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 S. 16 -- Senator Grooms: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XVII OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS, BY ADDING SECTION 15 TO ESTABLISH A SPECIFIED PROCEDURE FOR THE ENACTMENT OR REPEAL OF LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS BY INITIATIVE PETITION AND REFERENDUM AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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 S. 17 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3760, TO PROVIDE THAT TAXPAYERS MAY CLAIM UP TO A TWO HUNDRED DOLLAR REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE TAXPAYER RELATED TO PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING IDENTITY FRAUD AND THEFT PROTECTION SERVICES.

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 S. 18 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 61, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ENACT THE “UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS PROPERTY ACT”; TO PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICABILITY OF THE ARTICLE, THE OBLIGATION OF A COURT TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT PROPERTY IS HEIRS PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE INCONSISTENCIES IN CHAPTER 61, TITLE 15 BE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE 3; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE BY PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECT OF THE ARTICLE ON RELATED LIMITATIONS; TO IMPOSE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY THE COURT; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR THE COURT TO FOLLOW IN DETERMINING THE VALUE OF HEIRS PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR A COTENANT BUYOUT; TO PROVIDE PETITION ALTERNATIVES; TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS APPLICABLE TO A PARTITION IN KIND; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR OPEN-MARKET SALES, SEALED BIDS, OR AUCTIONS; TO IMPOSE A REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON A BROKER APPOINTED TO OFFER HEIRS PROPERTY FOR OPEN-MARKET SALE; TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS BE MADE TO PROMOTE UNIFORMITY OF THE APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THIS ACT; TO SPECIFY HOW THE ACT MODIFIES CERTAIN FEDERAL ACTS PERTAINING TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 61 AS ARTICLE 1.

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 S. 19 -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-55, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BOND AND THE AUTHORITY OF THE CIRCUIT COURT TO REVOKE BOND UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE COMMISSION OF A SUBSEQUENT VIOLENT CRIME BY A PERSON RELEASED ON BOND IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE AND TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PENALTY IF A PERSON COMMITS A GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OFFENSE WHILE ON RELEASE ON BOND.

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 S. 20 -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN AND THE UNLAWFUL SALE OR DELIVERY OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO CREATE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES.

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 S. 21 -- Senator Ford: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIRED SUBJECTS FOR EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO PROVIDE FOR INSTRUCTION ON PERSONAL HYGIENE.

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 S. 22 -- Senators Sheheen, Massey, L. Martin and Hayes: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 2013” INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 1‑30‑10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT BY ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1‑11‑10, TO DIVEST THE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND TRANSFER THOSE PROGRAMS, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1‑11‑20, TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AS AN AGENCY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO TRANSFER TO THIS NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT CERTAIN OFFICES AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, AND OTHER AGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSITION; BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 1, TO ESTABLISH THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OFFICE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE; BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 2 TO PROVIDE FOR LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND THE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OVERSIGHT; BY ADDING CHAPTER 55 TO TITLE 11 TO ESTABLISH THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, TITLE 11 BY ADDING SECTION 11‑35‑315 TO ESTABLISH THE PROCUREMENT OVERSIGHT BOARD, THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD, AND THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE BOARD; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 2 BY ESTABLISHING THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE OFFICE, TO AMEND TITLE 2 BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO ENACT THE STATE AGENCY DEFICIT PREVENTION AND RECOGNITION ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESSES AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN CONNECTION WITH AGENCY DEFICIT PREVENTION AND RECOGNITION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 60 TO ESTABLISH THE CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM AND MILITARY MUSEUM COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE COMMISSION; TO AMEND TITLE 2 BY ADDING A CHAPTER 9 TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE AND THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE COMMITTEE; TO ESTABLISH THE CHARLESTON NAVY BASE MUSEUM AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS AND AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE HUNLEY COMMISSION BY SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY REFERENCED IN SECTIONS 54‑7‑100 AND 54‑7‑110; BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑185, TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVALS FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; BY ADDING SECTION 11‑31‑5, TO PROVIDE THAT STATE BOARD MEANS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE STATE FISCAL AFFAIRS AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 11‑50‑65, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FISCAL AFFAIRS AUTHORITY MUST PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1‑11‑20, 1‑11‑25, 1‑11‑26, 1‑11‑55, 1‑11‑56, 1‑11‑58, 1‑11‑65, 1‑11‑67, 1‑11‑70, 1‑11‑80, 1‑11‑90, 1‑11‑100, 1‑11‑110, 1‑11‑140, 1‑11‑180, 1‑11‑220, 1‑11‑225, 1‑11‑250, 1‑11‑260, 1‑11‑270, 1‑11‑280, 1‑11‑290, 1‑11‑300, 1‑11‑310, 1‑11‑315, 1‑11‑320, 1‑11‑335, 1‑11‑340, 1‑11‑435, 1‑11‑440, 1‑15‑10, CHAPTER 47, TITLE 2, 2‑7‑72, 2‑7‑73, 2‑7‑74, 2‑7‑76, 2‑13‑240, 2‑15‑50, 2‑59‑10, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 3; 10‑1‑10, 10‑1‑30, 10‑1‑130, 10‑1‑190, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 10, 10‑11‑50, 10‑11‑90, 10‑11‑110, 10‑11‑140, 10‑11‑330, 11‑9‑610, 11‑9‑620, 11‑9‑630, 11‑9‑665, 11‑9‑670, 11‑9‑680, 11‑9‑820, 11‑9‑825, 11‑9‑830, 11‑9‑880, 11‑9‑890, 11‑18‑20, 11‑27‑10, 11‑35‑310, 11‑35‑3820, 11‑35‑3840, 11‑35‑5270, 11‑37‑30, 11‑37‑200, 11‑38‑20, 11‑40‑20, 11‑40‑250, 11‑41‑70, 11‑41‑80, 11‑41‑90, 11‑41‑100, 11‑42‑30, 11‑42‑40, 11‑42‑60, 11‑43‑510, 11‑45‑30, 11‑45‑55, 11‑45‑105, 11‑49‑40, 11‑50‑50, 11‑49‑100, 11‑51‑30, 11‑51‑125, 11‑51‑190, 11‑53‑20, 13‑7‑10, 13‑7‑30, 13‑7‑810, 13‑7‑830, 13‑7‑860, 15‑78‑140, 16‑3‑1620, 16‑3‑1680, 25‑11‑10, 25‑11‑80, 25‑11‑90, 25‑11‑310, 44‑38‑380, 44‑53‑530, 44‑96‑140, 48‑46‑30, 48‑46‑40, 48‑46‑50, 48‑46‑60, 48‑46‑90, 48‑52‑410, 48‑52‑440, 48‑52‑460, 48‑52‑635, 48‑52‑680, 59‑109‑30, 59‑109‑40, 59‑115‑20, 59‑115‑40, 63‑11‑500, 63‑11‑700, 63‑11‑730, 63‑11‑1110, 63‑11‑1140, 63‑11‑1310, 63‑11‑1340, 63‑11‑1360, AND 63‑11‑1510 RELATING TO VARIOUS AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT PROVISIONS SO AS TO CONFORM THEM TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY, AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES, AND TO SUPPLEMENT SUCH PROVISIONS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 1‑30‑110, 1‑11‑22, AND 11‑11‑90.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 23 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 77, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THIS STATE, BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-127 TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALIZED, ELECTRONIC MONITORING OF DRIVING HABITS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSMITTING USAGE-BASED DATA OF INSURED DRIVERS OF THIS STATE TO AUTOMOBILE INSURERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

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 S. 24 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3760, TO PROVIDE THAT TAXPAYERS MAY CLAIM A REFUNDABLE TAX CREDIT FOR COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE TAXPAYER RELATED TO PURCHASING AND MAINTAINING IDENTITY FRAUD AND THEFT PROTECTION SERVICES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 25 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-150, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A FOREIGN PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED VEHICLE OF A NONRESIDENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST THE VEHICLE OF A NONRESIDENT MUST BE PAID BEFORE IT MAY BE OPERATED, TO PROVIDE OTHER CONDITIONS IMPOSED UPON A NONRESIDENT BEFORE HE MAY OPERATE HIS VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE WRITTEN INQUIRY BY THE AUDITOR MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE OPERATOR’S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, AND TO REVISE THE PENALTY PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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 S. 26 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 4, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, BY ADDING SECTION 12-4-355 TO ESTABLISH IN THE STATE TREASURY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IDENTITY THEFT REIMBURSEMENT FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE FUND MUST BE USED TO REIMBURSE PEOPLE WHOSE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED BY A THIRD PARTY FROM A COMPROMISED COMPUTER SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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 S. 27 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS TAX ELIMINATION ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-547 SO AS TO ALLOW THE OWNER OF A PASS-THROUGH BUSINESS ELIGIBLE FOR THE REDUCED FIVE PERCENT TAX RATE ON ACTIVE TRADE OR BUSINESS INCOME TO DEFER TAXES OTHERWISE DUE ON RETAINED ACTIVE TRADE OR BUSINESS INCOME UNTIL THE RETAINED INCOME IS DISTRIBUTED AT WHICH TIME THE TAX RATE APPLIED IS SEVEN PERCENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE DEFERRAL IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR AND SEVEN PERCENT WITH THE CURRENT TAX PAID ALLOWED AS A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX DUE AT DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND LIMITATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-530, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE FIVE PERCENT RATE IN ANNUAL INCREMENTS OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT UNTIL THE TAX IS PHASED OUT AFTER TAXABLE YEAR 2023.

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 S. 28 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 2013” INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND SECTION 1‑30‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AGENCIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT BY ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 1‑30‑125 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AS AN AGENCY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BE HEADED BY A DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO TRANSFER TO THIS NEWLY CREATED DEPARTMENT CERTAIN OFFICES AND DIVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, AND OTHER AGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSITIONAL AND OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE ABOVE; BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS A SEPARATE DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF “EXECUTIVE AGENCIES” FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT AND INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS RELATING TO IMPROPER OR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY WITHIN EXECUTIVE AGENCIES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER TO BE HEADED BY THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER WHO IS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 11‑35‑310, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO THE CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11‑35‑820 AND 11‑35‑1580 ALL RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD; TO AMEND SECTIONS 1‑10‑10, 1‑11‑20, AS AMENDED, 1‑11‑22, 1‑11‑55, 1‑11‑56, 1‑11‑58, 1‑11‑65, 1‑11‑67, 1‑11‑70, 1‑11‑80, 1‑11‑90, 1‑11‑100, 1‑11‑110, 1‑11‑180, 1‑11‑220, AS AMENDED, 1‑11‑225, 1‑11‑250, 1‑11‑260, 1‑11‑270, 1‑11‑280, 1‑11‑290, 1‑11‑300, 1‑11‑310, AS AMENDED, 1‑11‑315, 1‑11‑320, 1‑11‑335, 1‑11‑340, 1‑11‑435, 2‑13‑240, CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 3; 10‑1‑10, 10‑1‑30, AS AMENDED, 10‑1‑40, 10‑1‑130, 10‑1‑190, CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 10, 10‑11‑50, AS AMENDED, 10‑11‑90, 10‑11‑110, 11‑9‑610, 11‑9‑620, 11‑9‑630, 11‑35‑3810, 11‑35‑3820, 11‑35‑3830, 11‑35‑3840, 13‑7‑30, 13‑7‑830, ALL AS AMENDED, 48‑46‑30, 48‑46‑40, AS AMENDED, 48‑46‑50, 48‑46‑60, 48‑46‑90, 48‑52‑410, 48‑52‑440, AS AMENDED, 48‑52‑460, 48‑52‑680, 44‑53‑530, AS AMENDED, AND 44‑96‑140; AND BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑185, ALL RELATING TO VARIOUS AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT PROVISIONS SO AS TO CONFORM THEM TO THE ABOVE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE NEW DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION OR TO SUPPLEMENT SUCH PROVISIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 29 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH A REASONABLE IMPEDIMENT SHALL SUBMIT A WRITTEN STATEMENT WITH THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 30 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT IN CERTAIN MATTERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE LANGUAGE THAT ALLOWS FOR A CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION TO RUN UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER THE CHILD REACHES NINETEEN YEARS OF AGE.

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 S. 31 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 7 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO DIRECTORS HIRED BY COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION, ELECTION COMMISSIONS, OR COMBINED BOARDS, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION, ELECTION COMMISSIONS, OR COMBINED BOARDS SHALL HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO HIRE DIRECTORS OR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE BOARD OR COMMISSION.

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 S. 32 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND THE APPLICABLE VALUATION ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF THE PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT A SINGLE-MEMBER LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) OWNING RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY WHERE THE SINGLE MEMBER IS AN INDIVIDUAL AND THE LLC IS NOT TAXED AS A CORPORATION QUALIFIES FOR THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATIO ALLOWED OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IF THE LLC MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RATIO.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 33 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3515, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED FOR DONATIONS OF A GIFT OF LAND FOR CONSERVATION OR A QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT EQUALS TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE GIFT RATHER THAN TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE CHARITABLE DEDUCTION FOR THE GIFT ALLOWED ON THE TAXPAYER’S FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN, TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT ALLOWED A TAXPAYER FROM $52,500 TO $150,000, AND TO ADJUST THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL CREDIT FOR INCREASES IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 34 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “HOME INVASION PROTECTION ACT”, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-311, RELATING TO BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE, TO PROVIDE BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE MAY BE PUNISHABLE BY LIFE IMPRISONMENT IF THE BURGLARY INVOLVES CERTAIN ELEMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR SENTENCING OF A PERSON GUILTY OF BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE OF NOT LESS THAN TWENTY YEARS IF A PERSON WHO IS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN THE CRIME IS PRESENT IN THE DWELLING.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 35 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 131, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, TO ENACT THE “HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRIES FREEDOM TO SHARE ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 44-131-10 TO PROVIDE THAT A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY IS A FAITH-BASED, NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION THAT ESTABLISHES CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE MATCHING PARTICIPANTS HAVING FINANCIAL OR MEDICAL NEEDS WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE ABLE TO ASSIST IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS OR THAT HELPS PROVIDE FOR THE FINANCIAL OR MEDICAL NEEDS OF A PARTICIPANT THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANOTHER PARTICIPANT AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT SUCH A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY IS NOT ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF INSURANCE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

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 S. 36 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-14-20 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYERS VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ALL NEW EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A WORKER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD IF THE WORKER’S ONLY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-29-10, RELATING TO THE VERIFICATION OF A PERSON’S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES BY AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR AN EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS PROOF OF A PERSON’S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES; TO AMEND SECTION 41-8-20, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT PRIVATE EMPLOYERS VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ALL NEW EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A WORKER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER’S LICENSE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD IF THE WORKER’S ONLY PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION IS A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-101-430, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF AN ALIEN UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ATTENDING A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT ACCEPT A MATRICULA CONSULAR CARD OR A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DOCUMENT ISSUED BY A CONSULATE OR EMBASSY OF ANOTHER COUNTRY AS VERIFICATION OF A PERSON’S LAWFUL PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 37 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-35, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE NOTICE OF GENERAL, MUNICIPAL, SPECIAL, AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS, TO CHANGE THE TIME IN WHICH ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY BE OPENED FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 9:00 A.M., AND TO PROVIDE FOR A DATE ON WHICH AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENT THAT IT IS POSTPONED; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-40, RELATING TO THE TIME OF PARTY PRIMARY, CERTIFICATION OF NAMES, VERIFICATION OF CANDIDATES’ QUALIFICATIONS, AND THE FILING FEE, TO CHANGE THE DATE FROM APRIL NINTH TO APRIL FIFTH; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, TO ADD A SUBSECTION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE DATE OF AN ELECTION WHEN THE GOVERNOR DECLARES A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR A JURISDICTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-350, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF CANDIDATES AND VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS, TO CHANGE THE CERTIFICATION DATE FOR CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FROM SEPTEMBER TENTH TO THE FIRST TUESDAY FOLLOWING THE FIRST MONDAY OF SEPTEMBER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 38 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-15-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS RELEASED ON BAIL PENDING TRIAL, AND IS SUBSEQUENTLY CHARGED WITH A VIOLENT OFFENSE, SHALL BE DENIED BAIL WHEN THE PROSECUTOR PROVES BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE THAT NO CONDITION OR COMBINATION OF CONDITIONS REASONABLY ASSURES THE SAFETY OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY IF THE PERSON IS RELEASED, AND TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO CONSIDER THE SOURCE OF FUNDS TO POST BAIL AS IT RELATES TO NONAPPEARANCE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 39 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIMIT ON STATE SPENDING IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7(C), ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, TO IMPOSE AN ANNUAL LIMIT ON THE STATE GENERAL FUND REVENUES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION BY RESTRICTING ANY INCREASE TO A PERCENTAGE THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE ANNUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM THE PREVIOUS TEN COMPLETED STATE FISCAL YEARS; TO CREATE A SEPARATE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND IN THE STATE TREASURY TO WHICH MUST BE CREDITED ALL GENERAL FUND REVENUES IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL LIMIT; TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND; TO DEFINE EMERGENCIES AND TO PROVIDE FOR SUSPENSION OF THIS APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT IN EMERGENCIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISBURSEMENTS OF SURPLUS FUNDS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 40 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, 1895, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 38, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DESIGNATE, AS IT DETERMINES, FUNDS IN THE STATE TREASURY AS TRUST FUNDS, TO PROVIDE THAT MONIES APPLIED TO A TRUST FUND MAY ONLY BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE DESIGNATED PURPOSE EXCEPT UPON THE ADOPTION OF A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROVISION DESIGNATING A FUND AS A TRUST FUND MAY ONLY BE AMENDED BY A SEPARATE PIECE OF LEGISLATION ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE IN EACH HOUSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 41 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-9-25, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION OR INVOLVE THE STATE IN A CONTRACT OR OBLIGATION WITHOUT APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PAY THE EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM MAKING OR AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OR OBLIGATION EXCEEDING FUNDS AVAILABLE IN A QUARTERLY ALLOCATION PROGRAM, TO PROHIBIT A STATE OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE FROM EMPLOYING PERSONAL SERVICES EXCEEDING THOSE AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT-RELATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PENALTIES ARE IN ADDITION TO AND NOT IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE OR CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING OTHER SIMILAR PROVISIONS OF LAW.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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 S. 42 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 2 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-7-61, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR PENALTY IN THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND MUST ONLY DO SO BY SEPARATE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MUST NOT INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FINE OR FEE BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 43 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF A DEFENDANT ON PROBATION, TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE DEFENDANT IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS GUILTY TO AN OFFENSE INVOLVING A VIOLENT ACT AGAINST A PERSON OR THE TAKING OF PROPERTY FROM A PERSON, AND THE DEFENDANT IS PLACED ON PROBATION, THE DEFENDANT MAY NOT BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 44 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER PROTECTION ACT OF 2013”, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-900, TO PROVIDE THAT A TEACHER MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION AGAINST A STUDENT WHO COMMITS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AGAINST THE TEACHER IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS OR AT A SCHOOL-RELATED EVENT, OR IF THE OFFENSE IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE TEACHER’S PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO TEACHER HAS CIVIL LIABILITY TO A STUDENT OR TO A PARTY ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF THE STUDENT FOR AN ACT OR OMISSION BY THE TEACHER THAT OCCURS WHILE THE TEACHER IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 45 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 17-15-110, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT A GENERAL SESSIONS OFFENSE WHILE ON A BAIL BOND OR PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE BOND, THE PERSON MUST BE IMPRISONED FOR FIVE YEARS IN ADDITION TO THE PUNISHMENT PROVIDED FOR THE PRINCIPAL OFFENSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 46 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT” BY TEMPORARILY PROVIDING “BONUS” STATE INCOME TAX EXPENSING DEDUCTIONS FOR NEW DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY, BY EXCLUDING FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME NET CAPITAL GAINS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SALE OR EXCHANGE OF DEPRECIABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY RECEIVING THAT “BONUS” DEDUCTION, AND BY PROVIDING A TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS HIRING A NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE WHO WAS FORMERLY UNEMPLOYED, AND TO DEFINE TERMS BY APPROPRIATE REFERENCES TO PROVISIONS IN CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 47 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TO REQUIRE THAT, EXCEPT FOR LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES, ANY CASE WITH AN AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EQUALING OR EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS MUST BE ORDERED FOR MANDATORY MEDIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 48 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 49, TO ENACT THE “WETLANDS RESTORATION ACT” WHICH PROVIDES THAT CERTAIN IMPOUNDMENTS THAT ORIGINALLY IMPOUNDED A PARCEL OF TIDELAND OR MARSHLAND BUT NO LONGER COMPLETELY IMPOUNDS THAT PARCEL MAY BE REPAIRED OR RESTORED.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 49 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ELECTION REFORM ACT”, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-940 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT, TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST FILE A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT WITH THE HOUSE AND SENATE ETHICS COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO VOTE CAN BE TAKEN ON A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION UNTIL TEN DAYS AFTER THE REPORT IS FILED, TO PROVIDE THAT A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION REPORT MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPOINTMENT TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPOINTEE MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED UNLESS THE REPORT ACCOMPANIES THE TRANSMISSION TO THE SENATE, AND TO PROHIBIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM CANDIDATES AND APPOINTEES TO CANDIDATES FOR OR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 50 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 51 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 52 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 53 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO ABOLISH THE BOARD EFFECTIVE UPON THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION BEING APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 54 -- Senator Campsen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 55 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”; TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-21 TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL SHALL PERFORM FISCAL AUDITS AND MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE AUDITS OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES OR DIVISIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD ON A ROTATING AND CONTINUING SCHEDULE BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 56 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE “LONG-TERM CARE TAX CREDIT ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3395, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ALLOW A STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX CREDIT OF FIFTEEN PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PREMIUMS PAID BY A TAXPAYER PURSUANT TO A LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE CONTRACT, NOT TO EXCEED THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS IN A TAXABLE YEAR FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL COVERED BY SUCH A CONTRACT, AND TO PROHIBIT A DOUBLE BENEFIT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 57 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CAPITAL GAINS TAX ELIMINATION ACT” BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1150, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEDUCTION ALLOWED FOR A PORTION OF NET CAPITAL GAINS INCLUDED IN THE OTHERWISE TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION ALLOWED FROM FORTY-FOUR PERCENT TO ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE NET CAPITAL GAIN AND TO PHASE IN THIS INCREASE OVER TEN YEARS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 58 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “TAXPAYER INFLATION PROTECTION ACT”; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, RELATING TO ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX BRACKETS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION LIMITING THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE AND THE OVERALL FOUR PERCENT LIMIT ON THE TOTAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT, AND TO DELETE REDUNDANT LANGUAGE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 59 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 60 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-240 SO AS TO PREVENT A COURT OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FROM ENFORCING FOREIGN LAW IN THIS STATE FROM A FORUM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 61 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-23-1220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE LIMITS FOR A TAXI, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM LIMITS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-23-1230, RELATING TO FILING A BOND IN LIEU OF LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR A TAXI, SO AS TO INCREASE THE REQUIRED MINIMUM AMOUNT OF THE BOND.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 62 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-116-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY POLICE/SECURITY DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN THEIR OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-116-10, 59-116-20, AND 59-116-30, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND OPERATION OF CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS “CAMPUS” AND “CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER”, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER”, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS APPLY TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO REVISE THE JURISDICTIONAL BOUNDARY OF A CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER, AND TO REVISE THE MARKINGS THAT MAY APPEAR ON A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER’S VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CAMPUS UNMARKED VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-116-50, RELATING TO THE RANKS AND GRADES OF CAMPUS POLICE OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM “PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR” AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM “CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE”, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-116-60, RELATING TO CAMPUS POLICE VEHICLES AND RADIO SYSTEMS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS” FOR THE TERM “SAFETY AND SECURITY DEPARTMENTS”; TO AMEND SECTION 59-116-80, RELATING TO IMPERSONATING A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENT” FOR THE TERM “SAFETY AND SECURITY DEPARTMENT”, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO A PRIVATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-116-100, RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF A PERSON ARRESTED BY A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION ALSO APPLIES TO THE ARREST OF A PERSON BY A CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER; TO AMEND SECTION 59-116-120, RELATING TO COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES EMPLOYING SECURITY PERSONNEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-116-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ADMINISTRATORS OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES MAY TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST THE CHIEF, DIRECTOR, OR SENIOR SUPERVISORY OFFICER OF A CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-116-70 RELATING TO THE POSTING OF A BOND BY A CAMPUS POLICE OFFICER BEFORE THE ASSUMPTION OF THEIR DUTIES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 63 -- Senator Pinckney: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 21 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN JASPER COUNTY “GENERAL LLOYD W. ‘FIG’ NEWTON INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “GENERAL LLOYD W. ‘FIG’ NEWTON INTERCHANGE”.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 64 -- Senator Scott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HARRISON REARDEN FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 277 AND FONTAINE ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY “HARRISON REARDEN INTERCHANGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERCHANGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “HARRISON REARDEN INTERCHANGE”.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 65 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-48 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE AND GROUP HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COVER HEARING AIDS AND REPLACEMENT HEARING AIDS FOR AN INSURED WITH IMPAIRED HEARING AND WHO IS TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR LESS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 66 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-9-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES SHALL INSPECT EACH EXTERIOR BALCONY IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE BALCONY SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY MUST PROHIBIT USE OF AN UNSATISFACTORY BALCONY UNTIL THE BALCONY MEETS THE APPLICABLE STANDARDS, TO PROVIDE THE BUILDING CODES COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A DATABASE OF BALCONY INSPECTION DATA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF INSPECTION FEES AND FOR THEIR USES, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 67 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIMES DURING WHICH AN ABSENTEE BALLOT MAY BE CAST.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 68 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 138 TO TITLE 59 TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS AND PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR THE SERVICE OF TRUSTEES OR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF “CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS”, DEFINED AS ALL TWO-YEAR AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THIS STATE INCLUDING TECHNICAL COLLEGES; TO PROVIDE THAT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION NOT INCONSISTENT WITH CHAPTER 138 OF TITLE 59 ARE DEVOLVED UPON THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS; AND TO REPEAL AND SECTION 59-53-10, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND SECTION 59-103-10, RELATING TO THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 69 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-710 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PRESENTATION OF IDENTIFICATION WHEN AN ELECTOR PRESENTS HIMSELF TO VOTE, TO PROVIDE THAT ELECTORS WHO FAIL TO PRODUCE A VALID AND CURRENT PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION MAY COMPLETE A STATEMENT AT THE POLLING PLACE AND AFFIRM THAT THE ELECTOR MEETS CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON COMPLETION OF THE STATEMENT, THE STATEMENT AND THE ELECTOR’S PROVISIONAL BALLOT MUST BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SHOULD THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS DETERMINE THE VOTER WAS CHALLENGED ONLY FOR THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION AND THE REQUIRED STATEMENT IS SUBMITTED, THE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS SHALL FIND THAT THE PROVISIONAL BALLOT IS VALID UNLESS THE BOARD HAS GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THE STATEMENT IS FALSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 70 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-15 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FILING TO RUN AS A CANDIDATE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE ALL CANDIDATES SEEKING NOMINATION MUST FILE THEIR STATEMENTS OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION COMMISSION AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION MUST POST CANDIDATE FILINGS ON ITS WEBSITE THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY AFTER FILING OCCURS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO CANDIDATE’S NAME MAY APPEAR ON A PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT, CONVENTION SLATE OF CANDIDATES, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT, OR SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, IF THE CANDIDATE’S STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY HAS NOT BEEN FILED WITH THE APPROPRIATE ELECTION COMMISSION BY THE DEADLINE AND THE CANDIDATE FAILS TO MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE AND PAY THE FILING FEE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 71 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES, SOLICITORS, AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS, BY REMOVING THE AGE LIMIT OF SEVENTY-TWO FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 9-8-60, RELATING TO RETIREMENT AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, BY REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT MEMBERS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES, SOLICITORS, AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS MUST RETIRE BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THEY TURN SEVENTY-TWO; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 22-1-25, RELATING TO MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE FOR MAGISTRATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 72 -- Senator Malloy: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT BY ADDING SECTION 28, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SHALL APPROPRIATE, OUT OF THE ESTIMATED REVENUE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FOR WHICH THE APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE PERCENT OF THE GENERAL FUND REVENUE OF THE LATEST COMPLETED FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS IN REGARD TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 73 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 85 TO TITLE 15, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA FALSE CLAIMS ACT” PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS OF CERTAIN TERMS, LIABILITY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROCEDURES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS FOR FALSE CLAIMS, THE PROCEDURE AND CONTENTS OF CIVIL INVESTIGATIVE DEMANDS, AND CREATING THE STATE FALSE CLAIMS ACT INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION FUND.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 74 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, AGENCY, BOARD, OR OTHER INSTRUMENTALITY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, ITS OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD OR STATE MILITIA, FROM ASSISTING THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR AN AGENCY OF IT, IN THE INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, OR DETAINMENT OF A UNITED STATES CITIZEN IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 75 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-57-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWALS FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESMEN, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK FROM A SOURCE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-245 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT ASSIGN ONE INVESTIGATOR FOR EVERY TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED LICENSEES TO ENSURE COMPLAINTS ARE PROCESSED AND CONSIDERED IN AN EXPEDITIOUS MANNER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 76 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-247 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT REAL ESTATE BROKERS, AND CERTAIN RELATED PROFESSIONS, CARRY ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION TO CONTRACT WITH AN INSURANCE PROVIDER TO OBTAIN A GROUP POLICY, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO SET FORTH THE STANDARDS OF A QUALIFYING INSURANCE POLICY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 77 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-67-210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PRESUMPTION OF POSSESSION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO ADVERSE POSSESSION; BY ADDING SECTION 15-67-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO ACTION MAY BE BROUGHT IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO CLAIM REAL PROPERTY THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2013, TO REQUIRE THE ACTION BE DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE, AND TO CLARIFY THAT THIS ACT DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM OBTAINING A PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 15-67-220, 15-67-230, 15-67-240, 15-67-250, AND 15-67-260 ALL RELATING TO THE CLAIMING OF REAL PROPERTY THROUGH ADVERSE POSSESSION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 78 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-13-510, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FINANCIAL IDENTITY FRAUD, SO AS TO REVISE AND BROADEN THE DEFINITION OF “PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION”, TO DEFINE THE TERM “FINANCIAL RESOURCES”, AND TO PROVIDE VENUE FOR PROSECUTION OF AN IDENTITY FRAUD OFFENSE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 79 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSES TO CERTAIN MINORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON A HOLDER OF THIS LICENSE MAY BE WAIVED OR MODIFIED TO ALLOW THE LICENSE HOLDER TO TRAVEL BETWEEN HIS HOME AND A CHURCH-RELATED OR SPONSORED ACTIVITY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 80 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-83 TO DEFINE HORMONAL THERAPY, TO DEFINE SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY, AND TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FROM USING STATE FUNDS OR STATE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE A PRISONER WITH SEXUAL REASSIGNMENT SURGERY OR HORMONAL THERAPY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

 S. 81 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-240 TO PREVENT A COURT OR OTHER ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FROM ENFORCING FOREIGN LAW IN THIS STATE FROM A FORUM OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ITS TERRITORIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 82 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT RATIO ON MANUFACTURING, UTILITY, AND MINING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF VALUE TO SIX PERCENT OF VALUE AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS MADE OBSOLETE BY THIS REDUCTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 83 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, TO ENACT THE “PERSONHOOD ACT OF SOUTH CAROLINA” WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN BEING VESTS AT FERTILIZATION, AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION, GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, VEST AT FERTILIZATION FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN PERSON.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 84 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT BE ELECTED TO JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY YEARS AFTER HE CEASES TO BE A MEMBER OR FAILS TO FILE FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 85 -- Senators Bright and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA FIREARMS FREEDOM ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT A FIREARM, FIREARM ACCESSORY, OR AMMUNITION MANUFACTURED AND RETAINED IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL REGULATION UNDER THE COMMERCE CLAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 86 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTION, 1895, RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION, TO ADD SECTION 5 TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL DEVELOP A SYSTEM FOR FUNDING THE PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS OF THIS STATE ON A UNIFORM AND NONDISCRIMINATORY PER PUPIL BASIS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 87 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO ENACT THE “LIFE BEGINNING AT CONCEPTION ACT” WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN BEING VESTS AT FERTILIZATION, AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF DUE PROCESS AND EQUAL PROTECTION, GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE I, SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, VEST AT FERTILIZATION FOR EACH BORN AND PREBORN HUMAN PERSON.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 88 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPEARANCE AS AN ATTORNEY IN A CASE BEFORE A MAGISTRATE, TO PROHIBIT SENATORS, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND LEGAL ASSOCIATES FROM REPRESENTING ANOTHER PERSON AS AN ATTORNEY AT LAW BEFORE A MAGISTRATE THE SENATOR RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 89 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-605, TO PROVIDE FOR A HIGHER EDUCATION BASE STUDENT COST AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST BE FUNDED BY USING THE BASE STUDENT COST.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 90 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT AUTHORIZE A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY TO INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE IN THE STATE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OR OTHER ACTS SUPPLEMENTAL TO THAT ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENTATION OF A FEE OR FINE ONLY MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT SEPARATE FROM AN APPROPRIATIONS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY MAY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT BY REGULATION OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION A FEE, PENALTY, OR FINE; TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE PROHIBITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THESE PROHIBITIONS ON JANUARY 15, 2016, UNLESS REAUTHORIZED BY LAW; TO ESTABLISH THE OTHER FUNDS STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING AGENCY EARMARKED AND RESTRICTED FUND ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING FUNDS FROM ALL SOURCES RETAINED AND EXPENDED FOR AGENCY OPERATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE; AND TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15, 2016, AFTER WHICH THE COMMITTEE TERMINATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 91 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HUNTING AND TAKING OF ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO DELETE A PROHIBITION ON BAITING DEER IN GAME ZONES 1 AND 2.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 92 -- Senators Davis and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “NDAA NULLIFICATION ACT OF 2013”, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-15, RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, TO PROHIBIT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM AIDING THE DETENTION OF ANY UNITED STATES CITIZEN WITHOUT TRIAL BY THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 93 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RATES OF TUITION AND FEES TO BE PAID BY STUDENTS ENTERING OR ATTENDING STATE INSTITUTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR IN-STATE TUITION RATES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS FUNDING THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OR TRAINING WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS GI BILL.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 94 -- Senators L. Martin, Nicholson and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2013, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 14, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 15, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 16, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013, AND TO FILL THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF FAMILY THE COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013, AND TO FILL THE SUBSEQUENT FULL TERM WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF FAMILY COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, AT LARGE, SEAT 6, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2013, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2019; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 5, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2013.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 95 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 132 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO RECIPIENTS OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 96 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 54-15-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONERS OF PILOTAGE FOR THE UPPER COASTAL AREA, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON THE COMMISSION FROM SIX TO EIGHT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 97 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 2, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-190 TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND THAT NO PERSON SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED FOUR TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TERM SERVED FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2013, SHALL NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 98 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 58, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-550, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE DEMAND MARKET AREA AND FOR NOTICE OF ITS DETERMINATION TO THE NIELSON COMPANY, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND ITS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-30, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF ENUMERATED POWERS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-1030, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF DUTIES OF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 99 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 58, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-550, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE DEMAND MARKET AREA AND FOR NOTICE OF ITS DETERMINATION TO THE NIELSON COMPANY, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND ITS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 58 BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-560, SO AS TO GIVE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ANY PERSON WHO SUFFERS FROM PERSONAL INJURY, WRONGFUL DEATH, OR LOSS OF PROPERTY DUE TO THE LACK OF NOTICE OF A LOCAL WARNING OR ALERT THROUGH TELEVISION AS A RESULT OF THE DEMAND MARKET AREA AS DETERMINED BY AN ENTITY OTHER THAN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-30, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF ENUMERATED POWERS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-1030, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF DUTIES OF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 100 -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 58, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-550, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO DETERMINE THE DEMAND MARKET AREA AND FOR NOTICE OF ITS DETERMINATION TO THE NIELSON COMPANY, THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, AND ITS LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 12, TITLE 58 BY ADDING SECTION 58-12-570, SO AS TO PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR ANY BUSINESS WHO SUFFERS ECONOMIC DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE DEMAND MARKET AREA, OTHER THAN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN WHICH THE BUSINESS IS LOCATED; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-30, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF ENUMERATED POWERS FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-1030, SO AS TO ADD DETERMINATION OF A DEMAND MARKET AREA TO THE LIST OF DUTIES OF A COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 101 -- Senator Coleman: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-17-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER A RAILROAD LINE OR TRACK HAS BEEN ABANDONED, THE RAILROAD COMPANY OWNING THE FEE OR EASEMENT PERTAINING TO THE LINE OR TRACK PROPERTY MUST TRANSFER THE PROPERTY TO THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS PROVISION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 102 -- Senators Bright, S. Martin and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING SECTION 38-1-40 TO ENACT THE “FREEDOM OF CHOICE IN HEALTH CARE ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DECLARES THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT EXCEEDS THE POWER GRANTED TO CONGRESS UNDER THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND THEREFORE IS NOT LAW, BUT IS ALTOGETHER VOID AND OF NO FORCE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE THE DUTY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT AND ENACT ANY AND ALL MEASURES TO PREVENT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THIS STATE SHALL HAVE ANY AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE OR ATTEMPT TO ENFORCE ANY ASPECT OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY OFFICIAL, AGENT, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WHO UNDERTAKES ANY ACT WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THIS STATE THAT ENFORCES OR ATTEMPTS TO ENFORCE ANY ASPECT OF THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO ANY ACT ATTEMPTING TO ENFORCE THE FEDERAL PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WITHIN THIS STATE’S BORDERS SHALL HAVE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND FOR DAMAGES AGAINST ANY PERSON VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 103 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 1-32-41 TO PROHIBIT RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREE EXERCISE OF SPEECH OR RELIGION DURING THE COURSE OF ANY LOCALITY, MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER STATE INSTRUMENTALITY PROCEEDING IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 104 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-15-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL PERFORM AUDITS FOR STATE AGENCIES EVERY FIVE YEARS AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY OR PERSONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 105 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 37 TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF PREPAID MEDICAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS THROUGH WHICH EMPLOYERS, INDIVIDUALS, AND NON-EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS MAY CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS, TO PROVIDE THOSE CONTRACTS ARE NOT INSURANCE, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 106 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-138 TO PROVIDE A REGULATION PROMULGATED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS, TO DELETE LANGUAGE REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW REGULATIONS IT PROMULGATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 107 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-180 TO DEFINE THE TERM “CELLULAR OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE” AND TO PROHIBIT THE SEARCH OF CELLULAR OR OTHER PORTABLE ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES INCIDENT TO A LAWFUL CUSTODIAL ARREST WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT OR WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE PERSON OR OTHER LAWFUL OWNER OF THE DEVICE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 108 -- Senators Bright and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO REQUIRE THE SESSION TO END ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN MARCH IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS AND ON THE SECOND THURSDAY IN APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-60, RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT, TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PASS BIENNIAL APPROPRIATIONS IN EACH ODD NUMBERED YEAR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 109 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 110 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 71, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL BONDS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-71-35 TO PROHIBIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS FROM ISSUING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 111 -- Senator Bright: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III, SECTION 36(B)(2) OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND, TO PROHIBIT FUNDS FROM BEING EXPENDED FOR OTHER NONRECURRING PURPOSES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 112 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO REPEAL SECTION 41-27-525 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR PERSONS SEEKING ONLY PART-TIME WORK.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 113 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 8 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-15 TO PROHIBIT ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE OR ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FROM AIDING THE DETENTION OF ANY UNITED STATES CITIZEN WITHOUT TRIAL BY THE U.S. ARMED FORCES IN VIOLATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 114 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-1-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION IN THE OVERSIGHT AND ADMINISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL BOARDS, INCLUDING THE PROCESS WHEREBY THESE BOARDS ESTABLISH FEE SCHEDULES, TO DELETE THESE PROVISIONS CONCERNING BOARDS ESTABLISHING FEES AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL FEES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AS PROVIDED BY LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT IN THE GENERAL AND PERMANENT LAW OF THE STATE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 115 -- Senators Bright and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT OF 2013”, TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS, TO CHANGE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A HANDGUN TO CARRYING A HANDGUN WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A CRIME; TO REPEAL SECTION 16-23-460, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON; TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO SIGNS AND THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO ALLOW A PRIVATE EMPLOYER OR OWNER TO ALLOW OR PROHIBIT ANYONE FROM CARRYING A WEAPON UPON HIS PREMISES BY PROVIDING NOTICE WITH A SIGN; TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-225, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROHIBIT ANY PERSON FROM ENTERING A RESIDENCE OR DWELLING OF ANOTHER WITH A WEAPON WITHOUT PERMISSION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-240, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY A WEAPON ANYWHERE IN THE STATE WHILE ON DUTY, TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 116 -- Senator Setzler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SEEK THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE SERVICES TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION AGAINST PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN-BASED SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER FOR MEN IN ALL AGE GROUPS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 S. 117 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-66-75 SO AS TO REQUIRE A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO GIVE A PATIENT AN OPPORTUNITY TO AUTHORIZE DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION TO DESIGNATED FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE INVOLVEMENT OF THESE FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS IN THE TREATMENT OF THE PATIENT; TO SPECIFY WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN AN AUTHORIZATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO A PATIENT AND TO SPECIFY THE CONTENTS OF THE AUTHORIZATION; AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL IMMUNITY FOR GOOD FAITH DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-66-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE ADULT HEALTH CARE CONSENT ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE “PATIENT” AND “TREATMENT” AND TO AMEND OTHER DEFINITIONS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 S. 118 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2725, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CANCELLATION OF A LICENSE PLATE AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WHEN A VEHICLE OWNER MOVES OUT OF STATE AND THE PRORATED PROPERTY TAX REFUND DUE ON THAT CANCELLATION, SO AS TO ALLOW THE APPROPRIATE RECEIPT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ACTUAL LICENSE PLATE AND CERTIFICATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-220, RELATING TO THE DISCOVERY OF UNTAXED PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF PROPERTY TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DUTIES OF THE ASSESSOR WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROPERTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-54-85, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME LIMITS APPLICABLE FOR ASSESSING DELINQUENT TAXES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 119 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-25 SO AS TO ESTABLISH EARLY VOTING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 7-3-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE HIS DUTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-15-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO INCLUDE VOTING DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 120 -- Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-1680 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF VOTING MACHINES THAT MUST BE AT A POLLING PLACE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE HISTORIC AVERAGE VOTER TURNOUT MUST BE USED TO DETERMINE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF MACHINES, AND TO PROVIDE HOW TO CALCULATE THE HISTORIC AVERAGE VOTER TURNOUT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 121 -- Senator Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-370 SO AS TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER TO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROTECT PROPERTY FROM THE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, TO SET FORTH THE PERMIT PROCESS, AND TO SPECIFY THE AUTHORIZED METHODS OF PROTECTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

 S. 122 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-410 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO OPERATION OF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-450, RELATING TO REGISTRATION WITH THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SHALL REGISTER IN PERSON WITH THE SHERIFF OF THE OFFENDER’S PRIMARY COUNTY OF REGISTRATION, AND ANY AND ALL REQUIRED LOCATIONS, WHETHER PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-460, RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION WITH THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SHALL REGISTER AND REREGISTER WITH THE SHERIFF OF THE OFFENDER’S PRIMARY COUNTY OF REGISTRATION, AND ANY AND ALL REQUIRED LOCATIONS, WHETHER PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY, AND TO DEFINE “TEMPORARY ADDRESS”, “RESIDENCE”, AND “HABITUALLY LIVES OR RESIDES”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-480, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FAILURE TO REGISTER WITH THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN OFFENDERS SHALL REGISTER WITH THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY WITHIN THREE BUSINESS DAYS OF A NOTIFICATION OF THE DUTY TO REGISTER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 123 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16, SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 19 TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT AND EMERGENCY CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF CIVIL NO-CONTACT ORDERS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 124 -- Senator L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 33-44-303, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIABILITY OF MEMBERS OR MANAGERS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OR MANAGER CANNOT BE HELD PERSONALLY LIABLE FOR A DEBT, OBLIGATION, OR LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY, WHETHER ARISING IN CONTRACT, TORT, OR OTHERWISE AND TO REMOVE FROM THE COMMENTS LANGUAGE THAT STATES THAT MEMBERS OR MANAGERS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS TO THE EXTENT THAT THOSE ACTS OR OMISSIONS WOULD BE ACTIONABLE IN CONTRACT OR TORT AGAINST THE MEMBER OR MANAGER IF THAT PERSON WERE ACTING IN AN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 125 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-140, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSURANCE PROVIDED TO ELIGIBLE ENTITIES BY THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD THROUGH THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE TO A LOCAL COUNCIL ON AGING OR OTHER ENTITY PROVIDING COUNTYWIDE SERVICES FOR THE AGING, HOWEVER ESTABLISHED, IF THE PROVIDER IS FUNDED BY THE OFFICE ON AGING OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 126 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1810 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF PLATES ISSUED SHALL EQUAL THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTORCYCLES REGISTERED IN SUCH PERSON’S NAME IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1815, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AUTHORIZED FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, TO PROVIDE THAT SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES MAY BE ISSUED TO A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND TO A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR A PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLES OWNED OR LEASED BY A MEMBER OR A RETIREE ONLY AFTER THE CURRENT STOCK OF SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD, NATIONAL GUARD, AND SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD RETIRED LICENSE PLATES IS EXHAUSTED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1820, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES MUST BE ISSUED FOR BIENNIAL PERIODS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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 S. 127 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 38, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA BRAIN INJURY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 S. 128 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-170, TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE; AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENACT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.

 Senator CAMPSEN spoke on the Bill.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 129 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-910, RELATING TO REPRIEVES AND COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROBATION, PAROLE, AND PARDON SERVICES BOARD MAY NOT RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNOR THAT AN ALIEN UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES SHOULD BE GRANTED A REPRIEVE OR COMMUTATION OF HIS SENTENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-920, RELATING TO CLEMENCY IN OTHER CASES, TO PROVIDE THAT ALIENS UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES MAY NOT BE GRANTED CLEMENCY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 24-21-950, RELATING TO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE ELIGIBILITY OF A PARDON, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ALIEN UNLAWFULLY IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE PARDONED.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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 S. 130 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, OR EMPLOYEES SERVING AS A LOBBYIST OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD OF FORMER SERVICE, TO ESTABLISH A ONE YEAR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIAL, MEMBER, OR EMPLOYEE MAY BE COMPENSATED TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS FORMER AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT TO INFLUENCE THEIR ACTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE A COMPLETE PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT THAT INVOLVES A MATTER IN WHICH HE DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY PARTICIPATED DURING HIS PUBLIC SERVICE OR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 131 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL AMEND SECTION 22-8-40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SALARIES OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME MAGISTRATES, TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE UNIFORM BASE SALARY FOR MAGISTRATES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 132 -- Senator Sheheen: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI, CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION OF 2018, THEY MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO SERVE AT HIS PLEASURE AND TO BE REMOVABLE BY HIM FOR ANY REASON; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND MILITARY RANK, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI; PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT BY ADDING SECTION 7A TO ARTICLE VI, RELATING TO STATE OFFICERS, SO AS TO ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE, AND PROVIDE FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES TO BE DEVOLVED UPON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE MANNER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 1, ARTICLE XI, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO ABOLISH THE BOARD EFFECTIVE UPON THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION BEING APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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 S. 133 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 8-13-320(9) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS OR STAFF, INCLUDING STAFF ELECTED TO SERVE AS OFFICERS OF OR CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MUST BE FILED WITH THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(D), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY THE COMMISSION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-320(10)(I), TO PROVIDE THAT A FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE REGARDING A VERIFIED COMPLAINT FILED BY AN INDIVIDUAL MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE, AS APPROPRIATE, FOR DISPOSITION; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-510, TO PROVIDE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES MUST EACH BE COMPRISED OF TEN MEMBERS WITH FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MAJORITY PARTY AND FIVE MEMBERS FROM THE MINORITY PARTY; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-520, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE MUST MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC A COMPILATION OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN ITS ADVISORY OPINIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-530, TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF EACH LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-540, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS REFERRED TO THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-545, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES AND THE DISPOSITION OF TECHNICAL VIOLATIONS BY THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1317, TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM RECEIVING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE ANNUAL REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1341, TO PROHIBIT LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP POLITICAL ACTIONS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-755, TO PROVIDE THAT FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT LOBBY FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS AFTER LEAVING OFFICE; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, BY ADDING ARTICLE 12, TO REQUIRE ANNUAL PERSONAL FINANCE DISCLOSURES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING DEADLINE, THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED, PENALTIES, AND FOR THE DISPOSITION OF INADVERTENT AND UNINTENTIONAL VIOLATIONS.

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 S. 134 -- Senators Sheheen, Setzler, Malloy, Jackson, Ford and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 156 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH IS A FULL DAY, FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN WHICH MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED CHILDREN IN ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE STATE, TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH PROVIDER STANDARDS, TO TASK THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE OFFICE OF FIRST STEPS TO SCHOOL READINESS WITH ACTING AS ADMINISTRATORS OF THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR THE PROGRAM, AND TO SET THE FUNDING LEVEL OF THE PROGRAM.

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 S. 135 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-27-115 SO AS TO PLACE THE DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH BY REGULATION THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR A PERSON TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF A COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY TRAINING CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY BOARDS OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO MEET AT LEAST FOUR TIMES EACH CALENDAR YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-110, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL COUNTIES MUST HAVE A SINGLE BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-260, RELATING TO THE CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-290, RELATING TO THE DILLON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE DILLON COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-320, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE GREENVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-325, RELATING TO THE GREENWOOD COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE GREENWOOD COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-335, RELATING TO THE HORRY COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE HORRY COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-415, RELATING TO THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE SPARTANBURG COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 7-27-430, RELATING TO THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO COMBINE THE BODIES INTO A SINGLE ENTITY.

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 S. 136 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-27-05 SO AS TO ENTITLE CHAPTER 27 THE “SOUTH CAROLINA WHISTLEBLOWER AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT”; TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REWARDS FOR REPORTS RESULTING IN SAVINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE TWO THOUSAND DOLLAR CAP ON REWARDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-27-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST AN EMPLOYING PUBLIC BODY FOR RETALIATION AGAINST AN EMPLOYEE WHO REPORTS A VIOLATION OF STATE OR FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION, SO AS TO REMOVE THE ONE-YEAR LIMITATION ON THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL REMEDIES.

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 S. 137 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-286, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE OF A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE FOR HAVING AN UNLAWFUL ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES TO INCLUDE REQUIRING AN OFFENDER WHO OPERATES A VEHICLE TO HAVE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED ON THE VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-400, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE, A LICENSE RENEWAL OR ITS RETURN, AND ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE THAT RESTRICTS THE DRIVER TO ONLY OPERATING A VEHICLE WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN INTERLOCK RESTRICTED LICENSE AND ITS CONTENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE ISSUED TO A PERSON WHOSE VEHICLE IS INSTALLED WITH AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVISE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OFFENSES THAT REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK RESTRICTED DEVICE AS A PENALTY, TO REVISE THE DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSION PERIOD FOR A PERSON WHO CHOOSES TO OR NOT TO HAVE AN INTERLOCK DEVICE INSTALLED ON HIS VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO CHOOSE NOT TO HAVE AN INTERLOCK DEVISE INSTALLED ON THEIR VEHICLES AFTER BEING CONVICTED OF CERTAIN DRIVING OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-748, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSE TO PERSON’S WHO ARE INELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1320, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT GIVES CERTAIN PERSONS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE A PROVISIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE AND REVIEW CANCELLATIONS AND SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2941, RELATING TO PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED FOR DRIVING A VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DURING THE OFFENSES THAT REQUIRE THE INSTALLATION OF AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE AS A PENALTY, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A PERSON WHO IS INCAPABLE OF OPERATING AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE, TO REVISE CERTAIN PENALTIES CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION; THE LENGTH OF TIME AN INTERLOCK DEVICE MUST BE AFFIXED TO A VEHICLE, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR AN OFFENDER WHO HAS ACCUMULATED FOUR POINTS UNDER THE INTERLOCK DEVICE POINT SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FUNDS REMITTED TO THE INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND, TO REVISE THE FEES THAT MUST BE COLLECTED AND REMITTED TO THE INTERLOCK DEVICE FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INTERLOCK DEVICE MUST CAPTURE A PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE OF A DRIVER AS HE OPERATES THE DEVICE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2942, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMMOBILIZATION OF A PERSON’S VEHICLE UPON HIS CONVICTION OF AN ALCOHOL-RELATED DRIVING OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AS LONG AS A PERSON HOLDS A VALID IGNITION INTERLOCK LICENSE, HE IS NOT REQUIRED TO SURRENDER HIS LICENSE PLATES AND VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2945, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL AND GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON CONVICTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVISE PROGRAM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2950, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A PERSON WHO OPERATES A MOTOR VEHICLE GIVING IMPLIED CONSENT TO CHEMICAL TESTS TO DETERMINE THE PRESENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTY IMPOSED UPON A PERSON WHO REFUSES TO BE SUBJECTED TO A CHEMICAL TEST, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2951, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE WHO REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO BE TESTED TO DETERMINE HIS ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE OFFENSES THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM AS A ALTERNATE IN LIEU OF OTHER PENALTIES PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2990, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED DRIVING OFFENSES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES, AND TO INCLUDE REQUIRING CERTAIN PERSONS TO ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES PROGRAM.

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 S. 138 -- Senator Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-5-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENTITIES IN WHICH LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ARE ALLOWED TO INVEST, TO ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO INVEST IN OBLIGATIONS OF A CORPORATION, STATE, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION DENOMINATED IN UNITED STATES DOLLARS, IF THE OBLIGATIONS BEAR AN INVESTMENT GRADE RATING OF AT LEAST TWO NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED RATING SERVICES.

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 S. 139 -- Senators Grooms and L. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1535 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES, TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERMS “HIGHWAY WORK ZONE” AND “HIGHWAY WORKER”, TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF “ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” AND “AGGRAVATED ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER”, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR BOTH OFFENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DRIVING RECORD OF PERSONS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT “ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” AND “AGGRAVATED ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER” ARE TWO POINT VIOLATIONS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-5-1536 RELATING TO DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES.

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 S. 140 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 27, RELATING TO DRUG TESTING AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO DEFINE THE TERM “PUBLIC ASSISTANCE”, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, A PERSON SEEKING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MUST SUBMIT TO CERTAIN DRUG TESTS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST BE GIVEN NOTICE THAT DRUG TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A CONDITION FOR RECEIVING BENEFITS AND THAT THE PERSON MUST BEAR THE COST OF TESTING, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BENEFITS FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF THE POSITIVE DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TESTS POSITIVE AND IS DENIED BENEFITS AS A RESULT MAY REAPPLY FOR THOSE BENEFITS AFTER SIX MONTHS IF HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM AND PASSES AN INITIAL DRUG TEST, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO TWICE FAILS A DRUG TEST MAY NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY THAT ADMINISTERS THIS TEST TO A PERSON WHO TWICE FAILS THE TEST IMMEDIATELY SHALL TERMINATE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS IT PAYS HIM.

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 S. 141 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17, SO AS TO ENACT THE “DRUG COURT PROGRAM ACT”, TO DIRECT EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH A DRUG COURT PROGRAM FOR ADULTS AND JUVENILES, TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH NONVIOLENT OFFENSES, TO ALLOW EACH CIRCUIT SOLICITOR TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF DRUG COURT PROGRAM COORDINATOR, TO DIRECT THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION TO ESTABLISH A STATE OFFICE OF DRUG COURT COORDINATION, TO PROVIDE FOR FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN A DRUG COURT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL REPORTS DETAILING THE ACTIVITIES OF DRUG COURT PROGRAMS TO THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION WITH A COPY PROVIDED TO THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DRUG COURT JUDGES AND COMPENSATION.

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 S. 142 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE “OMNIBUS CRIME REDUCTION AND SENTENCING REFORM ACT OF 2010”, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-110, RELATING TO ARSON, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE DEGREES OF ARSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME CLASSIFIED AS A FELONY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS A VIOLATION OF PROBATION, PAROLE, COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR ANY OTHER SUPERVISION PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES FOR AN OFFENDER TO PURCHASE OR POSSESS A FIREARM, AMMUNITION, OR ANY OTHER DANGEROUS WEAPON; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-560, RELATING TO THE ABILITY OF MAGISTRATES TO PUNISH BREACHES OF THE PEACE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATES MAY PUNISH BREACHES OF THE PEACE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR IMPRISONMENT FOR A TERM NOT EXCEEDING THIRTY DAYS, OR BOTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-920, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS’ RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXPUNGEMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO OFFENSES IN WHICH REGISTRATION ON THE SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY IS REQUIRED, EXCEPT IN CASES IN WHICH A DETERMINATION IS MADE BY THE SENTENCING COURT THAT THE SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A VICTIM OF AT LEAST FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE WAS CONSENSUAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-19-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A “YOUTHFUL OFFENDER”, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE OFFENDER COMMITTED BURGLARY IN THE SECOND DEGREE PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-11-312(B), THE OFFENDER MUST RECEIVE AND SERVE A MINIMUM SENTENCE OF AT LEAST THREE YEARS, NO PART OF WHICH MAY BE SUSPENDED, AND THE PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR CONDITIONAL RELEASE UNTIL THE PERSON HAS SERVED THE THREE-YEAR MINIMUM SENTENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-5 AND SECTION 24-21-100, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FOLLOW WHEN NOTIFYING PERSONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING; BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-280, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE CREDITS OF PERSONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY EARN UP TO TWENTY DAYS OF COMPLIANCE CREDITS FOR EACH THIRTY-DAY PERIOD IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS SUBSTANTIALLY FULFILLED ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370 AND SECTION 44-53-375, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-470, RELATING TO WHEN A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE IS CONSIDERED A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTION FOR TRAFFICKING IN CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES MUST BE CONSIDERED A PRIOR OFFENSE FOR PURPOSES OF ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROSECUTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, RELATING TO THE DRIVER’S LICENSE SUSPENSION AMNESTY PERIOD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT QUALIFYING SUSPENSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE SUSPENSIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-5-2990 OR SECTION 56-5-2945, AND DO NOT INCLUDE SUSPENSIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-1-460, IF THE PERSON DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN THE PERSON’S LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED OR REVOKED PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-5-2990 OR SECTION 56-5-2945; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-460, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, THE PERSON MUST BE FINED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND IMPRISONED FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS OR CONFINED TO THE PERSON’S PLACE OF RESIDENCE PURSUANT TO THE HOME DETENTION ACT FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS.

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 S. 143 -- Senators Malloy, Ford, Massey and S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLES 1, 2, 3, AND 4 OF TITLE 62, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE CODE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROBATE CODE, TO DETERMINE INTESTATE SUCCESSION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS OF EXECUTING A WILL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS TO PROBATE AND ADMINISTER A WILL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LOCAL AND FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO AMEND ARTICLES 6 AND 7 OF TITLE 62, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF NONPROBATE TRANSFERS, AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRUST CODE.

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 S. 144 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-160 TO PROVIDE THAT ON JULY 1, 2014, THE AREA OF EACH COUNTY OF THIS STATE ALSO MUST BE CONSTITUTED AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND A COUNTY MAY NOT HAVE MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LOCAL LAW BEFORE JULY 1, 2014, SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE, FISCAL AUTHORITY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE NO PROVISIONS OF LAW NOW APPLY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ACTS OR PARTS OF ACTS RELATING TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT IS NOT A COUNTYWIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRED BY SECTION 59-17-160 ARE REPEALED AS OF JULY 1, 2014.

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 S. 145 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 57 OF TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, BY ADDING SECTION 38-57-190, TO PROVIDE THAT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HEALTH CARE CONTRACTS ISSUED BY HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IN THE INDIVIDUAL, SMALL GROUP, OR LARGE GROUP MARKET DO NOT DISCRIMINATE UNREASONABLY AGAINST OR AMONG HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WILLING AND QUALIFIED TO MEET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED BY A HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUER OR OTHERWISE PROHIBIT OR LIMIT PARTICIPATION BY A PROVIDER WHO IS WILLING TO ACCEPT AN ISSUER’S TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-450, TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-815, TO PROVIDE THAT GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CERTIFICATES OF COVERAGE MAY PROVIDE FOR WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS AND TO DEFINE WELLNESS CREDITS OR DISCOUNTS.

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 S. 146 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 24, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, SO AS TO DEVOLVE ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 24 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 24-19-10, AS AMENDED, 24-19-20, 24-19-30, 24-19-40, 24-19-50, 24-19-60, 24-19-110, AS AMENDED, AND 24-19-160, RELATING TO THE CORRECTION AND TREATMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS” FOR THE TERM “DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS”, TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “YOUTHFUL OFFENDER DIVISION” FOR THE TERM “YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE AND REENTRY SERVICES DIVISION”, TO DELETE THE TERM “TREATMENT” AND ITS DEFINITION, TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “CRIMINOGENIC RISKS AND NEEDS”, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDER PAROLE AND REENTRY SERVICES SHALL CONSIDER ITS CLIENTS CRIMINOGENIC RISKS AND TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE HOUSING AND TREATMENT OF YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS, TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES” FOR THE TERM “DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS”, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “PROBATION, PAROLE, AND PARDON SERVICES BOARD” FOR THE TERM “PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES BOARD”; AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, TITLE 24, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO DEVOLVE ITS DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS, TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “HEARING OFFICER”, TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM “BOARD OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES” FOR THE TERM “BOARD OF PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES”, TO REVISE THE BOARD’S DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY SUPERVISION FEES.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Corrections and Penology.

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 S. 147 -- Senator Fair: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA FREEDOM OF HEALTH CARE PROTECTION ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 21 TO CHAPTER 71, TITLE 38 SO AS TO RENDER NULL AND VOID CERTAIN UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAWS ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TAKING CONTROL OVER THE HEALTH INSURANCE INDUSTRY AND MANDATING THAT INDIVIDUALS PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE UNDER THREAT OF PENALTY; TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS FROM ENFORCING OR ATTEMPTING TO ENFORCE SUCH UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAWS; AND TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATING THIS ARTICLE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 148 -- Senators Shealy, Bryant and Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSUMER IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION, BY ADDING SECTION 37-20-161, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD A CLASS OF “PROTECTED CONSUMERS” FROM BECOMING VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT, TO ALLOW REPRESENTATIVES, PROVIDING SUFFICIENT PROOF OF AUTHORITY, TO PLACE A PREEMPTIVE SECURITY FREEZE ON PROTECTED CONSUMER’S CREDIT REPORTS, TO PROVIDE THE LIMITATIONS OF THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS TO IMPLEMENT A SECURITY FREEZE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION AND EXTENT OF A SECURITY FREEZE, AND TO PROVIDE TERMS FOR REMOVAL OF A SECURITY FREEZE ON A PROTECTED CONSUMER’S CREDIT REPORT OR RECORD.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 149 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 14 SO AS TO ENACT THE “LOCAL OPTION MOTOR FUEL USER FEE ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY IMPOSE BY ORDINANCE, APPROVED BY REFERENDUM, A USER FEE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO CENTS A GALLON ON RETAIL SALES OF MOTOR FUEL FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND ROAD MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO PROVIDE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE USER FEE MAY BE IMPOSED, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SHALL COLLECT AND DISTRIBUTE THE USER FEE.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 150 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 24-13-100 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “NO PAROLE OFFENSE”, TO REVISE ITS DEFINITION TO INCLUDE CLASS D, E, AND F FELONIES, OFFENSES CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT WHICH ARE PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR, AND CLASS A AND B MISDEMEANORS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS FOUND GUILTY OF, PLEADS GUILTY TO, OR PLEADS NOLO CONTENDRE TO A “NO PAROLE OFFENSE” IS ELIGIBLE FOR EARLY RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT AFFECT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER ACT.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 151 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-2080 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO ESTABLISH THE INTRASTATE VISION WAIVER PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VISUALLY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS MAY OBTAIN A WAIVER FROM THE SIGHT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE WAIVER’S ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WAIVER, THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A WAIVER MAY GRANTED, AND THE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING A WAIVER.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 152 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SUPREME COURT’S AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO THE STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS THE PERSON IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 153 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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 Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 154 -- Senator Bryant: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND IN ANDERSON COUNTY FOR WINNING THE 2012 CLASS A MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 155 -- Senator Shealy: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LEXINGTON COUNTY UPON BEING NAMED A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 156 -- Senators Courson, O'Dell and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 54-7-100, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HUNLEY COMMISSION, INCLUDING ITS MEMBERS AND DUTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION SHALL BE THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO SERVE EX OFFICIO, OR HIS DESIGNEE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 157 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 37 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO ENTITLE THE ARTICLE “CALLER IDENTIFICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA FRAUD”, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF UNLAWFULLY ALTERING THE IDENTIFICATION OF A CALLER’S NUMBER OR SOCIAL MEDIA IDENTITY, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO REDESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 20, TITLE 37 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "IDENTITY THEFT".

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

 S. 158 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-176 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF CONDITIONAL AND SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO THE ISSUANCE OR REINSTATEMENT OF A BEGINNER’S PERMIT, CONDITIONAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER’S LICENSE, AND A REGULAR DRIVER’S LICENSE ISSUED TO A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-177 TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR’S PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE MUST BE SUSPENDED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-46 TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A PERSON WHO DRIVES A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN HIS LICENSE TO DRIVE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED, CANCELLED, REVOKED, OR DENIED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, BY PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO A PERSON WHOSE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-1-176.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 159 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-45 TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THIS STATE MUST BE COMPRISED OF AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOLS OF THE DISTRICT IN ORDER TO RECEIVE STATE APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 160 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-35 TO REQUIRE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 161 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-170, TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-39-160, TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE; AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ENACT EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT HIGH SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 162 -- Senator Bright: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS OF THIS STATE, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-85, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL, PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, MAGNET SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL MAY OFFER AS AN ELECTIVE COURSE A ONE-SEMESTER, ONE CREDIT COURSE IN FIREARM MARKSMANSHIP THAT SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS THE “SOUTH CAROLINA GUN SAFETY PROGRAM” COURSE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF COURSE INSTRUCTORS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Education.

 S. 163 -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-62-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE TO A MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANY BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA FILM COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REBATE MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AGGREGATE PAYROLL FOR PERSONS SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND MAY NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FOR PERSONS EMPLOYED WITH THE PRODUCTION WHEN TOTAL PRODUCTION COSTS IN THIS STATE EQUAL OR EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE TAXABLE YEAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-62-60, RELATING TO REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY REBATE UP TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE EXPENDITURES IN SOUTH CAROLINA IF THERE IS A MINIMUM IN-STATE EXPENDITURE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 164 -- Senators Sheheen, Lourie, Davis, Jackson, Setzler, Nicholson, Scott and McElveen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO APOLOGIZE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON BEHALF OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS FAILURE TO TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM BEING STOLEN.

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 Senator SHEHEEN spoke on the Resolution.

**Objection--S. 164**

 Senator JACKSON asked unanimous consent to make a motion that the Resolution be placed on the Calendar without reference.

 Senators BRYANT and LEATHERMAN objected.

 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 165 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-65 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF ALLIGATORS ON PRIVATE LAND, TO PROVIDE FOR A HUNTING SEASON OF ALLIGATORS ON PRIVATE LAND FROM SEPTEMBER FIRST THROUGH MAY THIRTY-FIRST.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

 S. 166 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE NATION OF ISRAEL FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the General Committee.

 S. 167 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 168 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-7-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET MUST BE USED IN AN ARREST FOR A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT THAT IS COMMITTED IN THE PRESENCE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 169 -- Senator Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-950, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CRIMINAL CHARGES RESULTING IN A NOT GUILTY VERDICT OR DISMISSAL OF ALL CHARGES REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF AN EXPUNGEMENT ORDER BY A JUDGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCEEDING MUST BE HEARD BY THE JUDGE WHO PRESIDED OVER COURT WHEN THE FINDING OF NOT GUILTY, DISMISSAL, OR NOLLE PROSSE OF THE CHARGE WAS ENTERED RATHER THAN BY A JUDGE OF THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 170 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 171 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-80 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES OF EACH QUALIFIED CANDIDATE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RATHER THAN THE NAMES OF THE THREE CANDIDATES THE COMMISSION DEEMS BEST QUALIFIED.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 172 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE STATE TREASURER FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE STATE TREASURER SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS COTERMINOUS WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE STATE TREASURER AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE STATE TREASURER MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 173 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO, THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE; AND PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE XIII, RELATING TO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND HIS STAFF OFFICERS, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO HIS TITLE AND MILITARY RANK, AND TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, HE MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 174 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 175 -- Senator Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE, THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS MADE, AND THE PROCEDURES BY WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MAY BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 176 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-1000 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TIME FOR A MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL AND APPEAL IN MAGISTRATES COURT, TO INCREASE THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL MAY BE MADE FROM FIVE TO TEN DAYS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 177 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO CHANGE THE DATE FOR THE MANDATORY ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY IN JUNE TO THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY, AND PROVIDE THAT IN ANY YEAR THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FAILS TO GIVE THIRD READING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL BY MARCH FIRST, RATHER THAN MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, THE DATE OF ADJOURNMENT IS EXTENDED BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER MARCH FIRST, THAT THE HOUSE FAILS TO GIVE THE BILL THIRD READING.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 178 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 41-35-120, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, TO REVISE THE METHOD OF DETERMINING THE BENEFITS OF A PERSON DISCHARGED FROM EMPLOYMENT FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE, GROSS MISCONDUCT, AND FAILURE TO ACCEPT WORK, TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO SPECIFY CRITERIA FOR A LABORATORY QUALIFIED TO PERFORM A TEST FOR ILLEGAL DRUG USE BY A PERSON SEEKING OR RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF AN EMPLOYER FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS IN THE DISCLOSURE OF A DRUG TEST PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THE MISUSE OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL OBTAINED IN THE COURSE OF THIS DRUG TESTING IS MISDEMEANOR SUBJECT TO CERTAIN MONETARY PENALTIES.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 179 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-13-250 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, TO PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS MAY TAKE EITHER ONSITE OR ONLINE COURSES.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 180 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO REPEAL SECTION 41-1-85 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF TAKING A PERSONNEL ACTION BASED ON THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS OUTSIDE OF THE WORKPLACE.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 181 -- Senators Hutto and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-1-43, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE, ALONE, BY THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION DOES NOT CREATE A COMMON LAW DUTY OF DUE CARE FOR THE LICENSE HOLDER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER CANNOT BE HELD PERSONALLY LIABLE IN TORT SOLELY BY REASON OF BEING A LICENSE HOLDER.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

 S. 182 -- Senator Hutto: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING MARCH 2013 AS ENDOMETRIOSIS AWARENESS MONTH AND URGE THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THEIR AWARENESS ABOUT THIS WIDESPREAD AND OFTEN DEBILITATING DISEASE.

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 The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 S. 183 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE ADDITIONAL TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REVISE MINIMUM GOOD COMPOUNDING PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE A PHARMACIST MUST PERFORM A FINAL CHECK ON A PRODUCT COMPOUNDED BY A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR AN AREA USED FOR COMPOUNDING IN A PHARMACY, TO PROVIDE PHARMACISTS SHALL ENSURE CERTAIN EXPECTED FEATURES OF INGREDIENTS USED IN A FORMULATION, TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR DETERMINING THE MAXIMUM BEYOND-USE DATE OF AN EXCESS AMOUNT OF A SPECIFIC COMPOUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN WRITTEN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO A COMPOUNDING AREA, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MATERIAL DATA SAFETY MUST BE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO PHARMACY PERSONNEL WHO WORK WITH DRUG SUBSTANCES OR BULK CHEMICALS, AND TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO THE HANDLING OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REVISE ASSOCIATED STANDARDS AND TO BROADEN THE APPLICATION OF THESE STANDARDS TO INCLUDE OTHER FACILITIES PERMITTED BY THE BOARD, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 S. 184 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FUNCTIONS AND PURPOSES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MUST DEVELOP A PROCESS TO PRIORITIZE AND EXPEDITE PROJECTS RELATING TO PRESERVING, MAINTAINING, REHABILITATING, AND EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE EXISTING STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND BRIDGES; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57 BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-45, TO PROVIDE A WAITING PERIOD AFTER CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERS SEPARATE FROM EMPLOYMENT BEFORE THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING ON, NEGOTIATING, OR PARTICIPATING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF CONTRACTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-370, TO PROVIDE THAT ROAD AND BRIDGE PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REHABILITATION MUST BE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS WHEN DEVELOPING THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, TO PROVIDE ROAD AND BRIDGE STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL BENCHMARKS, AND TO PROVIDE FUNDING ALLOCATION TO MEET AND MAINTAIN THE BENCHMARKS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-110, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN AN INVENTORY OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE MOST URGENT NEED OF MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION, AND TO DEVELOP LONG-TERM FINANCING PLANS FOR PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, AND REHABILITATION OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

 S. 185 -- Senators Grooms and Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TAXATION, TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA FAIR TAX ACT”, BY ADDING CHAPTER 34, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT AND DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR JUDICIAL GUIDANCE FOR INTERPRETATION OF THE ACT AND THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX, TO PROVIDE FOR CREDITS AND REFUNDS, TO PROVIDE FOR A FAMILY CONSUMPTION ALLOWANCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR COLLECTIONS, APPEALS, AND TAXPAYER RIGHTS; TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO INTERMEDIATE SALES, TAXABLE GAMING SERVICES, PURCHASES BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES, MIXED USE PROPERTY OR SERVICES, AND NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR TAXATION OF FINANCIAL INTERMEDIATION SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE SALE OF A COPYRIGHT OR TRADEMARK, CERTAIN EXCLUSIONS FROM TAXATION, TAXATION RELATED TO THE PURCHASE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY OR SERVICES SUBJECT TO AN EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT, TAXABLE PROPERTY OR SERVICES GIVEN AS A GIFT, PRIZE, REWARD, OR AS RENUMERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT BY A REGISTERED PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TAX TREATMENT FOR INVENTORY HELD BY A TRADE OR BUSINESS ON THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST OF THE YEAR THAT THIS ACT IS ENACTED; TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND, THE STATE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING FUND, THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1984 FUND, FUNDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES, AND THE TOURISM EXPENDITURE REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR A SPECIAL VOTE TO AMEND OR REPEAL THIS ACT WITHIN THREE YEARS OF ITS ENACTMENT AND REFERENDUM FOR CHANGES AFTER THE FOURTH YEAR; AND TO REPEAL CHAPTERS 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 36, 58, AND 62 OF TITLE 12.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

 S. 186 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2910 OF THE 1976 CODE, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONDUCT RESULTING IN RECKLESS HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS GUILTY OF RECKLESS HOMICIDE IF DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE, DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED, OR THE USE OF A CELLULAR PHONE RESULTS IN THE DEATH OF A PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE MAY BE REINSTATED UPON THE CONDITION THAT CELLULAR PHONE USAGE WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE VEHICULAR ACCIDENT.

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 Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

 S. 187 -- Senator Sheheen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOANNA CRAIG, DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC CAMDEN, FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS AT THE HELM OF THIS RESPECTED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.

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 The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Invitations Accepted**

 On motion of Senator BRYANT, with unanimous consent, the following invitations were polled favorably from the Committee on Invitations and ordered placed on the Calendar:

**Poll of the Invitations Committee**

**Polled 11; Ayes 11; Nays 0; Not Voting 0**

**AYES**

Bryant                                 Alexander                          McGill

Reese                                  Ford                                   Verdin

Campsen                             Cromer                              Malloy

Cleary                                 Johnson

**Total--11**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Columbia Museum of Art, by the SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the RILEY INSTITUTE AT FURMAN/WILKINS AWARD DINNER

Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND FOUNDATION

Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Members of the Senate and staff, Reception, Capital City Club, by the SC ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 10, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Museum of Art, by the SC TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the UNITED WAY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, January 16, 2013, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Oak Table, by the SC BAR ASSOCIATION

Thursday, January 17, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Reception, Clarion Hotel, by the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF SC, the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, the AIA OF SOUTH CAROLINA , AND , the SC SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SC

Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Wednesday, January 23, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception, Clarion Hotel, by the MYRTLE BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thursday, January 24, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the SC BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 6:00- 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and staff, Reception, The Marriott, by the SC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE “BUSINESS SPEAKS”

Tuesday, January 29, 2013, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and staff, Reception, The Ellison Building, SC Fairgrounds, by the SC DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS FOR EXCELLENCE

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the CONSORTIUM FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Members of the Senate and Staff, Reception/Oyster Roast, Clarion Hotel, by the CLARION DOWNTOWN HOTEL

Thursday, January 31, 2013, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Members of the Senate and staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH UNDERWRITERS

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

**Confirmation**

 Having received a favorble report from the Senate, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

 Initial Appointment, Pickens County Magistrate, with term to commence April 30, 2010, and to expire April 30, 2014

 Benjamin A. Dow, 153 Gilleland Road, Pickens, SC 29671 *VICE* Joe Wolfe

**MOTION ADOPTED**

 On motion of Senators PEELER, ALEXANDER, ALLEN, BENNETT, BRIGHT, BRYANT, CAMPBELL, CAMPSEN, CLEARY, COLEMAN, CORBIN, COURSON, CROMER, DAVIS, FAIR, FORD, GREGORY, GROOMS, HAYES, HEMBREE, HUTTO, JACKSON, JOHNSON, LEATHERMAN, LOURIE, MALLOY, LARRY MARTIN, SHANE MARTIN, MASSEY, MATTHEWS, McELVEEN, McGILL, NICHOLSON, O’DELL, PINCKNEY, RANKIN, REESE, SCOTT, SETZLER, SHEALY, SHEHEEN, THURMOND, TURNER, VERDIN, WILLIAMS and YOUNG, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Jim Davenport, 54, of Columbia, S.C., Associated Press reporter who covered activities of the State House. He was a tenacious reporter who for 13 years reported breaking news of import to the people of South Carolina -- such as when the Confederate flag was taken down, when the State banned video gambling, excesses at the Department of Commerce and Governor Sanford’s absence from the State for several days. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Debra, and was a doting father to Catherine. He died after battling cancer for two years.

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 12:52 P.M., on motion of Senator COURSON, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 2:00 P.M.

**Recorded Vote**

 Senators BRIGHT and BRYANT desired to be recorded as voting against the motion to adjourn.

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