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**(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:

 In Exodus, God cautions Moses and the people, commanding:

 “You shall not make cast idols.” (Exodus 34:17)

 Please join me as we pray:

 Gracious, loving God, how difficult it is in this day and time to avoid falling into the traps of worshiping idols, be they the idols of desiring power, of seeking personal wealth, of coveting the spotlight. Strengthen each of these servants of our State, O Lord. Steel them against the wiles of idol worship. Lead them instead to care always about the genuine well-being of South Carolina and her citizens more than anything else. Allow these Senators and staff members to focus on what matters most: to use their gifts in noble and meaningful ways. In Your blessed name we pray, dear Lord. Amen.

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

**Expression of Personal Interest**

 Senator DAVIS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

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

S. 227 Sen. Grooms

S. 561 Sen. Campsen

S. 1239 Sen. Johnson

**RECALLED**

 S. 1226 -- Senators Young, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Bright, Bryant, Campbell, Campsen, Cleary, Coleman, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fair, Gregory, Grooms, Hayes, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Lourie, Malloy, L. Martin, S. Martin, Massey, J. Matthews, M.B. Matthews, McElveen, Nicholson, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, Sabb, Scott, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Thurmond, Turner, Verdin

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and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE THIRD FULL WEEK IN APRIL 2016 AS “SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AWARENESS WEEK” TO RAISE AWARENESS REGARDING SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME AND TO COMMEND THE HOSPITALS, CHILD CARE COUNCILS, SCHOOLS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT EDUCATE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ON HOW TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM ABUSE.

 Senator YOUNG asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Medical Affairs.

 The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Medical Affairs and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**RECALLED**

 S. 922 -- Senator Bryant: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 43‑25‑70 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND CONCESSION STANDS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN OPERATOR OF A CONCESSION STAND MAY NOT SUBCONTRACT THE INSTALLATION OR OPERATION OF THE CONCESSION STAND TO A PERSON WHO IS NOT BLIND OR DOES NOT HAVE A SEVERE VISUAL DISABILITY.

 Senator SHANE MARTIN asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Bill from the General Committee.

 The Bill was recalled from the General Committee and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

 The following were introduced:

 S. 1240 -- Senators Davis and M.B. Matthews: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEANDRE SMITH-BROWN OF JASPER COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR CAPTURING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2016 JASPER COUNTY SENATOR FOR A DAY SPEECH COMPETITION.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

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 S. 1241 -- Senator McElveen: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DEDICATION, HEROISM, AND IMPORTANCE OF FIREFIGHTERS IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE MAY 4, 2016, AS "FIREFIGHTERS' DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1242 -- Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-7360 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO KOREAN WAR VETERANS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THERE IS NO FEE FOR SUCH SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

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

 S. 1243 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 138 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CHASE AWAY CHILDHOOD CANCER" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

 S. 1244 -- Senator Gregory: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-10-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY STANDARD OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO ALLOW A HOMEBUILDER TO USE AN ALTERNATE COMPLIANCE PATH IN THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE AND TO ESTABLISH THE ENERGY RATING INDEX FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AT SIXTY-FIVE.

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

 S. 1245 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, RELATING TO HYDROGEN

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FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4621, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 S. 1246 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION AND LIFE SAFETY FOR SPECIAL OCCUPANCIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4619, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 S. 1247 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, RELATING TO FIREWORKS AND PYROTECHNICS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4620, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

 S. 1248 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION - OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL, RELATING TO PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AND FIXED FIRE EXTINGUISHING SYSTEMS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4623, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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 Read the first time and ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

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 S. 1249 -- Senator S. Martin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MR. NORMAN F. PULLIAM, SR. FOR THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND AND THE WALKER FOUNDATION.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1250 -- Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE MR. BILL DIEKHOFF, DIRECTOR OF THE FOOTHILLS CHORALE, FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 S. 1251 -- Senators Turner and Verdin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FOUNTAIN INN WESLEYAN CHURCH OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CONGREGATION AND PASTOR FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONTINUOUS MINISTRY IN THE COMMUNITY.

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 The Senate Resolution was adopted.

 H. 3952 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-17-410, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EMERGENCY ADMISSION OF A PERSON LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS HARM TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS, SO AS TO ADD A PERSON WHO MAY BECOME GRAVELY DISABLED IF NOT IMMEDIATELY HOSPITALIZED; TO AMEND SECTION 44-17-430, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXAMINATION UNDER CUSTODY OF A PERSON REQUIRING IMMEDIATE HOSPITALIZATION WHEN EXAMINATION IS NOT OTHERWISE POSSIBLE, SO AS TO ADD A PERSON WHO MAY BECOME GRAVELY DISABLED IF NOT IMMEDIATELY HOSPITALIZED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-17-440, RELATING TO THE CUSTODY AND TRANSPORT OF A PERSON REQUIRING IMMEDIATE CARE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITH CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING AND DRESSED IN CIVILIAN

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CLOTHES OR AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TO TAKE INTO CUSTODY AND TRANSPORT THE PERSON TO THE HOSPITAL.

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

 H. 4165 -- Reps. King, Henegan, Douglas, Williams, M. S. McLeod, Whipper, Gilliard, Parks, Govan, Mitchell and McKnight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGIME FEE FAIRNESS TO DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MAY NOT ENFORCE A LIEN FOR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGIME FEES THAT ACCRUE AND ARE NOT PAID DURING THE TIME PERIOD THAT THE HOMEOWNER IS DEPLOYED OR MOBILIZED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE UNTIL THE HOMEOWNER RETURNS FROM DEPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MAY NOT ASSESS OR IMPOSE PENALTIES FOR HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION REGIME FEES NOT PAID DURING THE TIME PERIOD THAT THE HOMEOWNER IS DEPLOYED OR MOBILIZED OUTSIDE OF THIS STATE; TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT ALSO APPLICABLE TO DEPENDENTS RESIDING WITH THE SERVICE MEMBER; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY; AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2015.

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

 H. 4327 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 71, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HOSPICE PROGRAMS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN LICENSING REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLE OFFICE LOCATIONS OF LICENSED HOSPICES; TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANSION OF HOSPICE SERVICE AREAS; TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF MULTIPLE OFFICE LOCATIONS AND FOR EXPANSION OF HOSPICE SERVICE AREAS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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 H. 4580 -- Reps. Jefferson, Hosey, Mitchell, Gilliard, Gagnon and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-263 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEDICAL FOSTER HOMES APPROVED AND ANNUALLY REVIEWED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVIDING CARE EXCLUSIVELY TO THREE OR FEWER VETERANS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 44 IN REGARD TO HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND OTHER FACILITIES REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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

 H. 4773 -- Reps. Duckworth, Kirby, Jordan, Johnson, Collins, Hill, Brannon, Merrill and Tinkler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT "MARGY'S LAW"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-78-15, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "DO NOT RESUSCITATE BRACELET"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-78-20, RELATING TO THE AVAILABILITY OF DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES TO THE TERMINALLY ILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF DO NOT RESUSCITATE BRACELETS IN ADDITION TO WRITTEN ORDERS; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-78-25, 44-78-30, 44-78-35, 44-78-40, 44-78-45, AND 44-78-60, ALL RELATING TO MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS IN THE ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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

 H. 4851 -- Reps. G. M. Smith and Weeks: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE OVERPASS LOCATED ALONG LAFAYETTE DRIVE IN THE CITY OF SUMTER "SCHP PATROLMAN JIMMY A. TRAYLOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

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 H. 5087 -- Reps. Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ALLIGATOR ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SAVANNAH GROVE ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WHIPPORWILL ROAD "DR. RALPH W. CANTY, SR. HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

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

 H. 5091 -- Reps. King, M. S. McLeod, Henegan, Mack, Mitchell, Gilliard and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 53-3-85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE NINETEENTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS "JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM DAY", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS ALSO RECOGNIZED AS "SICKLE CELL DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA" IN COMMEMORATION OF "WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY".

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

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 H. 5100 -- Rep. Fry: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-71-1520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER" TO INCLUDE ORAL SURGEONS AND DENTISTS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-1545 SO AS TO EXCLUDE APPLICATION OF THE ARTICLE TO CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES.

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

 H. 5214 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Allison, Anderson, Anthony, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bernstein, Bingham, Bowers, Bradley, Brannon, G. A. Brown, R. L. Brown, Burns, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cole, Collins, Corley, H. A. Crawford, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Dillard, Douglas, Duckworth, Erickson, Felder, Finlay, Forrester, Fry, Funderburk, Gagnon, Gambrell, George, Gilliard, Goldfinch, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Henderson, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hodges, Horne, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, Kennedy, King, Kirby, Knight, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, McCoy, McEachern, McKnight, M. S. McLeod, W. J. McLeod, Merrill, Mitchell, D. C. Moss, V. S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Neal, Newton, Norman, Norrell, Ott, Parks, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, Riley, Rivers, Robinson-Simpson, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G. M. Smith, G. R. Smith, J. E. Smith, Sottile, Southard, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Tinkler, Toole, Weeks, Wells, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2016, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

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

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 H. 5215 -- Rep. White: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA EMS MEMORIAL BIKE RIDE TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES WHILE RENDERING AID TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

 Senator ALEXANDER from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 668 -- Senators Alexander and O’Dell: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 6, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMERCIAL‑PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT TO PROVIDE THAT GOVERNING BODIES MAY ESTABLISH A DISTRICT BY ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING, ENCOURAGING, AND FACILITATING CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN ITS GEOGRAPHIC AREA; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT AND OWNERS OF QUALIFYING REAL PROPERTY MAY VOLUNTARILY EXECUTE A WRITTEN AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMERCIAL‑PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE AN ASSESSMENT ON THE QUALIFYING REAL PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASSESSMENT SHALL CONSTITUTE A COMMERCIAL‑PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY LIEN AGAINST THE QUALIFYING REAL PROPERTY UNTIL PAID; TO PROVIDE HOW CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE FINANCED; TO PROVIDE THAT CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS MUST MEET ALL APPLICABLE SAFETY, PERFORMANCE, INTERCONNECTION, AND RELIABILITY STANDARDS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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 Senator ALEXANDER from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 685 -- Senators Leatherman, Alexander, Campbell, S. Martin, Nicholson and O’Dell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 22, TITLE 40 CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION OF ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING IS SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑10, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD, REDEFINE, AND DELETE DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑30, RELATING TO ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED WITHOUT A LICENSE, SO AS TO PROHIBIT BROKERING OR COORDINATING ENGINEERING OR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR A FEE; BY ADDING SECTION 40‑22‑35 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH A REGISTERED ENGINEER OR SURVEYOR MAY NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑50, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN AND UPDATE, RATHER THAN ANNUALLY PREPARE, A ROSTER OF INFORMATION CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑60, RELATING TO THE DUTY OF THE BOARD TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS, SO AS TO UPDATE A CROSS REFERENCE AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO PROVIDING ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING STATUTORY REVISIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑75, RELATING TO EMERGENCY WAIVER OF LICENSE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO LIMIT APPLICATION OF THIS WAIVER TO DECLARED NATIONAL OR STATE EMERGENCIES, AND TO PROVIDE A WAIVER MAY NOT EXCEED NINETY DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑110, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT PERSONS, SO AS TO DELETE A REDUNDANCY; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑220, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY

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REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS AN ENGINEER, SO AS TO REVISE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑222, RELATING TO LICENSING OF EXISTING ENGINEERS, SO AS TO ADD AN OPTIONAL ACCREDITATION SOURCE FOR AN EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑225, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE AS A SURVEYOR, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑230, RELATING TO APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑250, RELATING TO A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE AS A FIRM, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CERTIFICATE AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS THROUGH WHICH A LICENSEE MAY MAINTAIN A BRANCH OFFICE; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑260, RELATING TO TEMPORARY LICENSES, SO AS TO REVISE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT A TEMPORARY LICENSE TO AN OUT‑OF‑STATE FIRM, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION OF PLANS PRODUCED AND SUBMITTED FOR PERMITTING BY A PERSON HOLDING A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑270, RELATING TO SEALS OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SEAL AND SIGNATURE OF A LICENSEE ON A DOCUMENT CONSTITUTES A CERTIFICATION THAT THE DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY THE LICENSEE OR UNDER HIS DIRECT SUPERVISION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑280, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CHAPTER, SO AS TO MODIFY THE EXEMPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑290, RELATING TO “TIER A” SURVEYING, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE CREATION OF NONTECHNICAL MAPS.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 1157 -- Senators Cleary and Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL BEAR COSTS, NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN AND ONE‑HALF PERCENT OF THE

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TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OR IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY REVENUE GENERATED FROM H. 3579, R. \_\_\_, ACT \_\_\_ OF 2015.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN from the Committee on Judiciary polled a majority favorable and Senator JOHNSON a minority unfavorable report on:

 H. 3041 -- Reps. Delleney, Allison, Atwater, Ballentine, Bannister, Bedingfield, Bingham, Bradley, Brannon, Burns, Clary, Clemmons, Collins, H.A. Crawford, Daning, Duckworth, Erickson, Forrester, Goldfinch, Hamilton, Hardee, Hardwick, Henderson, Herbkersman, Hicks, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Horne, Huggins, Kennedy, Limehouse, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, McCoy, Merrill, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Nanney, Newton, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thayer, Wells, White, Whitmire, Willis, Yow, Funderburk, Corley and Bales: 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 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 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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**Poll of the Judiciary Committee**

**Polled 22; Ayes 14; Nays 6; Not Voting 2**

**AYES**

*Larry Martin* Hutto Campsen

Massey Bright Gregory

Bennett Corbin Hembree

McElveen Shealy Thurmond

Turner Young

**Total--14**

**NAYS**

Coleman Allen Johnson

Kimpson Sabb

*Margie Matthews*

**Total--6**

**NOT VOTING**

Rankin Malloy

**Total--2**

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator ALEXANDER from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4090 -- Reps. Bedingfield, Sandifer, G.A. Brown, Ballentine and Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑29‑25 SO AS TO PROVIDE ACTIONS THAT REQUIRE A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY AS A PAWN BROKER; BY ADDING SECTION 40‑29‑55 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC ADJUSTMENT OF CERTAIN MONETARY REQUIREMENTS IN A CERTAIN MANNER; BY ADDING SECTION 40‑29‑145 SO AS TO HOLD ORDERS ON PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF A PAWNBROKER SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN MISAPPROPRIATED OR STOLEN; BY ADDING SECTION 40‑29‑155 SO AT TO PROVIDE A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS MAY REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY BRING AN ACTION TO ENFORCE ITS ORDER IF THE PERSON FAILS TO TIMELY REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF “PLEDGED GOODS” SPECIFICALLY TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑20, RELATING TO REGULATIONS OF PAWN BROKERS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PERSON CONVICTED OF A FELONY TO ENGAGE IN THE WORK OF A PAWNBROKER, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY FOR EACH BUSINESS LOCATION OF A PAWNBROKER, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PAWNBROKER MAY RETAIN NO PLEDGED GOODS IN A LOCATION OTHER THAN THE LOCATION DESIGNATED IN THE CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY WITHOUT FIRST FILING A NOTIFICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE A PAWNBROKER CONSPICUOUSLY SHALL POST THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND ANY CLOSURE AT EACH LOCATION; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑40, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON UNAUTHORIZED FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PAWNBROKER THAT COLLECTS SUCH UNAUTHORIZED FEES MAY NOT COLLECT, RECEIVE, OR RETAIN ANY INTEREST OR CHARGES ON THE LOAN IN VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER AND HAS NO RIGHT TO POSSESS THE PLEDGED GOODS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑50, RELATING TO BONDS AND OTHER EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRED FOR A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REVISE AND DELETE SOME EXISTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE WITHIN TWENTY‑ONE CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE OCCURRENCE OF AN EVENT THAT MAY AFFECT PLEDGED GOODS, A PAWNBROKER SHALL FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT DESCRIBING THE EVENT AND ITS EXPECTED IMPACT UPON THE BUSINESS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑70, RELATING TO RECORD KEEPING

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REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SALES AMONG THE AFFECTED TRANSACTIONS, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF THE IDENTITY OF A PLEDGOR OR SELLER IN A CERTAIN MANNER, AND TO PROVIDE A PAWN OR PURCHASE TRANSACTION MUST BE PERFORMED BY THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, OR HIS AUTHORIZED AGENT, WHOSE IDENTITY AND AGENCY RELATIONSHIP MUST BE VERIFIED BY THE PAWNBROKER; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑80, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A MEMORANDUM OR NOTE AT THE TIME OF PAWNING OR PLEDGING, SO AS TO CHARACTERIZE THE MEMORANDUM OR NOTE AS A “PAWN TICKET” AND TO PROVIDE DETAILED, RELATED REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑100, RELATING TO PERMISSIBLE CHARGES ON LOANS BY PAWNBROKERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE AMOUNT; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑120, RELATING TO THE RENEWAL OF A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO TIMELY RENEW, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PAWN SHOP THAT MUST CLOSE BECAUSE OF A SURRENDER OR REVOCATION OF ITS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑140, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY A THIRD PARTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PAWNBROKER MUST RETURN PLEDGED PROPERTY THAT HAD BEEN LEASED BY A SELLER OR PLEDGOR TO THE LESSOR OF THE PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE A PAWNBROKER IS NOT LIABLE TO THE PLEDGOR OR SELLER OF PROPERTY THAT IS RECOVERED BY A LESSOR FOR RETURNING THE PROPERTY TO A LESSOR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑39‑150, RELATING TO FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN AUTHORITY CONCERNING THESE FINES AND PENALTIES FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT TO THE DEPARTMENT.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

 Senator COURSON from the Committee on Education submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

 H. 4941 -- Education and Public Works Committee: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑20‑90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT A

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STATEWIDE PROGRAM FOR IDENTIFYING FISCAL PRACTICES AND BUDGETARY CONDITIONS THAT, IF UNCORRECTED, COULD COMPROMISE THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR ADVISING THE DISTRICT ON HOW TO TAKE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59‑20‑95 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE AUDITOR TO ADOPT THE STATEWIDE PROGRAM CREATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN SECTION 59‑20‑90 AND USE IT TO IDENTIFY FISCAL PRACTICES AND BUDGETARY CONDITIONS THAT, IF UNCORRECTED, COULD COMPROMISE THE FISCAL INTEGRITY OF A STATE AGENCY THAT IS ALSO A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY AND TO ADVISE THE STATE AGENCY THAT IS ALSO A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY ON HOW TO TAKE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO ENABLE THE STATE AUDITOR TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY ASSUME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE STATE AGENCY THAT IS ALSO A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY FOR WHICH IT HAS MADE A DECLARATION OF FISCAL CAUTION OR FISCAL EMERGENCY, TO CONTINUE THIS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY UNTIL THE STATE AUDITOR RELEASES THE STATE AGENCY THAT IS ALSO A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY FROM THE DECLARATION OF FISCAL CAUTION OR FISCAL EMERGENCY, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO DIRECT THE STATE AUDITOR TO PROMULGATE EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

 Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

**Appointment Reported**

 Senator HAYES from the Committee on Banking and Insurance submitted a favorable report on:

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**Statewide Appointment**

Reappointment, South Carolina State Board of Financial Institutions, with the term to commence June 30, 2014, and to expire June 30, 2018

Supervised Lenders:

Howard H. Wright, Jr., 1047 Eagle Dr., Rock Hill, SC 29732

Received as information.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., April 19, 2016

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has returned the following Bill to the Senate with amendments:

 S. 454 -- Senators Campsen and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS AND AUTHORIZATION TO UTILIZE DEER QUOTA TAGS TO HUNT ON PROPERTY WITH A DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION THERETO, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MUST POSSESS A SET OF INDIVIDUAL DEER TAGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO HUNT ON PROPERTY WITHOUT A DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT, TO SET THE DEER TAG FEES FOR IN AND OUT‑OF‑STATE RESIDENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑920(B)(6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF PRIVILEGES, LICENSES, PERMITS, AND TAGS, TO SUBSTITUTE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM PERMIT FOR ANTLERLESS DEER QUOTA PERMIT; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑920(B)(7) OF THE 1976 CODE, TO REMOVE “ANTLERLESS” AND SUBSTITUTE “INDIVIDUAL”; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF GAME, TO PROVIDE FOR THE BAG LIMITS FOR ANTLERED AND ANTLERLESS DEER, AND THE LIMIT FOR DEER ON PROPERTY ENROLLED IN THE DEER QUOTA PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO TAKE MORE THAN THE LEGAL LIMIT OF DEER, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION

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OF GAME, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE DEER TAGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE VALIDITY OF SUCH TAGS, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL DEER TAKEN MUST BE TAGGED, TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL TO POSSESS, MOVE, OR TRANSPORT AN UNTAGGED DEER, TO POSSESS MORE THAN ONE SET OF DEER TAGS OR TAGS ISSUED IN ANOTHER’S NAME, AND TO ALTER A DEER TAG FOR FRAUDULENT OR UNLAWFUL PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑390 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORITY OVER GAME ZONES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROMULGATE NECESSARY REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE TAKING OF DEER; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑11‑335 OF THE 1976 CODE.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

 Placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**Message from the House**

Columbia, S.C., April 14, 2016

Mr. President and Senators:

 The House respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the Senate to:

 H. 4328 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑8‑1530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RETURN FROM THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO THE LAST DAY OF JANUARY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑8‑1550, RELATING TO THE DUE DATE FOR FILING STATEMENTS REGARDING INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE FROM THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO THE LAST DAY OF JANUARY.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for Ratification.

Very respectfully,

Speaker of the House

 Received as information.

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**HOUSE CONCURRENCE**

 S. 1134 -- Senators Verdin and L. Martin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RENAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 124 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 123 TO THE GREENVILLE COUNTY LINE FROM “JOE ANDERS HIGHWAY” TO “JOE ANDERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THIS DESIGNATION.

 Returned with concurrence.

 Received as information.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**AMENDED, SENT TO THE HOUSE**

S. 1206 -- Senator S. Martin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RENAME THE DONALDSON BUS CENTER IN GREENVILLE COUNTY TO BE THE “JOE MADDEN BUS CENTER”.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution.

**Motion Under Rule 26B Adopted**

 Senators FAIR and ALLEN moved under the provisions of Rule 26B to take up an additional amendment on third reading.

 Amendment No. 1 was taken up for immediate consideration.

 Senators FAIR and ALLEN proposed the following amendment (MS\
1206C001.MS.AB16), which was adopted:

 Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

 / SECTION 1. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the State Department of Education is directed to rename the Greenville State Bus Shop on Halton Road in Greenville County to be the “Joe Madden Bus Center”.

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator FAIR explained the amendment.

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 The Resolution was read the third time, passed and ordered sent to the House of Representatives with amendments.

**READ THE THIRD TIME**

**SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered sent to the House of Representatives:

 S. 1238 -- Senator Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 806 OF 1952, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, SO AS TO ONLY REQUIRE A SEPARATE MEETING OF THE CITIZENS IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET REQUIRES A MILLAGE INCREASE.

 S. 1233 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4‑10‑470, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED, SO AS TO REVISE THE CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN COUNTIES IN ORDER FOR THEM TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING THIS SALES AND USE TAX ON A REFERENDUM BALLOT.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 777 -- Senators Malloy and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 62‑5‑436 SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND ALTERNATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR MATTERS INVOLVING PAYMENT OF BENEFITS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS; TO AMEND SECTION 62‑1‑201, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROBATE CODE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “VA” AND TO MAKE OTHER TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 62‑5‑404, RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OR PROTECTIVE ORDER, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PETITION TO SHOW THAT THE PERSON TO BE PROTECTED HAS BEEN RATED INCOMPETENT BY THE VA AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PETITION SHALL STATE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED ON BEHALF OF THE VA; TO

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AMEND SECTION 62‑5‑405, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, NOTICE OF HEARING, AND WAIVER OF NOTICE BY THE PERSON TO BE PROTECTED, SO AS TO REQUIRE SERVICE UPON THE VA AND NOTICE OF THE HEARING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 62‑5‑407, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROCEDURES CONCERNING THE HEARING AND ORDER ON ORIGINAL PETITION, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN CASES INVOLVING PAYMENT OF BENEFITS FROM THE VA; AND TO REPEAL PART 6, ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 62 RELATING TO THE UNIFORM VETERANS’ GUARDIANSHIP ACT.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD0777.003), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking page 3, lines 14‑19, and inserting therein the following:

 / (g) Whenever a copy of a public record is required by the VA to be used in determining the eligibility of a person to participate in benefits made available by the VA, the official charged with the custody of the public record shall provide a certified copy of the record, without charge, to an applicant for the benefits, a person acting on his behalf, or a representative of the VA. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Coleman Corbin

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Lourie Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

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*Matthews, John Matthews, Margie* McElveen

Nicholson Peeler Reese

Sabb Scott Setzler

Shealy Sheheen Thurmond

Turner Verdin Williams

Young

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 778 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO TITLE 62 SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT”; TO DEFINE APPLICABLE TERMS; TO OUTLINE THE ARTICLE’S REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABILITY, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND PART 5, ARTICLE 5, TITLE 62, RELATING TO POWERS OF ATTORNEY, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA STATUTORY HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT”; TO DEFINE APPLICABLE TERMS; TO OUTLINE THE PART’S REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICABILITY; TO PROVIDE EXECUTION AND WITNESS REQUIREMENTS; AND TO SPECIFY THE PROPER FORM OF A HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following amendment (JUD0778.003), which was adopted:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking page 36, lines 40‑41, and inserting therein the following:

 / (10) exercise a power of appointment in favor of someone other than the principal; /

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 Amend the bill further, as and if amended, by striking page 92, lines 4‑17, and inserting the following:

 / Section 62‑5‑517. (a) A document or writing containing the following provisions is deemed to comply with the requirements of this part:

 (1) the name and address of the person who meets the requirements of Section 62‑5‑503 and is authorized to make health care related decisions if the principal becomes mentally incompetent;

 (2) the types of health care related decisions that the health care agent is authorized to make;

 (3) the signature of the principal;

 (4) the signature of at least two persons who witnessed the principal’s signature and who meet the requirements of Section 62‑5‑503; and

 (5) the attestation of a notary public. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator LARRY MARTIN explained the committee amendment.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Johnson

Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen Nicholson

Peeler Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

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Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

 There being no further amendments, the Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**READ THE SECOND TIME**

H. 4709 -- Reps. Hixon, Hodges, Corley, Burns, Hiott, V.S. Moss, Kirby and Newton: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑15, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS CONTAINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA MARINE RESOURCES ACT OF 2000, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “SOUTHERN COBIA MANAGEMENT ZONE”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑2730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO COBIA LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN COBIA MANAGEMENT ZONE.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 The question being the second reading of the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 39; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bryant Campbell Campsen

Coleman Corbin Courson

Cromer Davis Fair

Gregory Grooms Hayes

Hembree Johnson Kimpson

Leatherman Malloy *Martin, Larry*

*Martin, Shane* Massey *Matthews, Margie*

McElveen Nicholson Peeler

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Rankin Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

 The Bill was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**H. 4709--Ordered to a Third Reading**

On motion of Senator CAMPSEN, with unanimous consent, H. 4709 was ordered to receive a third reading on the next legislative day.

**AMENDMENT PROPOSED**

**CARRIED OVER**

 S. 561 -- Senators Grooms, Davis, Gregory, Peeler, Malloy, Campbell, Cleary, Bennett and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION TO NINE MEMBERS, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM THE STATE AT LARGE SUBJECT TO SCREENING BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, TO PROVIDE THAT COMMISSIONERS SHALL BE APPOINTED TO SIX‑YEAR TERMS, AND TO CLARIFY THE COMMISSION’S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 57‑1‑410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION SUBJECT TO THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57‑1‑720(C) AND 57‑1‑730 TO MAKE TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS REFLECTING THE

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS RATHER THAN ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 57‑1‑460 AND 57‑1‑740.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senators GROOMS and SHEHEEN proposed the following amendment (561R010.EB.LKG):

 Amend the committee amendment, as and if amended, by striking the committee amendment in its entirety and inserting:

 / SECTION 1. Section 57-1-370 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

 “Section 57‑1‑370. (A) The commission must develop the long‑range Statewide Transportation Plan, with a minimum twenty‑year forecast period at the time of adoption, that provides for the development and implementation of the multimodal transportation system for the State. The plan must be developed in a manner consistent with all federal laws or regulations and in consultation with all interested parties, particularly the metropolitan planning organizations and the nonmetropolitan planning organization area local officials. The plan may be revised from time to time as permitted by and in the manner required by federal laws or regulations.

 (B) Concerning the development, content, and implementation of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the commission must:

 (1) develop a process for consulting with nonmetropolitan local officials, with responsibility for transportation, that provides an opportunity for their participation in the development of the long‑range Statewide Transportation Plan and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program;

 (2) approve the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and ensure that it is developed pursuant to federal laws and regulations and approve an updated Statewide Transportation Improvement Program from time to time as permitted by and in the manner required by federal laws or regulations;

 (3) develop and revise the transportation plan for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, for each

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nonmetropolitan planning area in consultation with local officials with responsibility for transportation;

 (4) work in consultation with each metropolitan planning organization to develop and revise a transportation improvement program for each metropolitan planning area;

 (5) select from the approved Statewide Transportation Improvement Program the transportation projects undertaken in nonmetropolitan areas in consultation with the affected nonmetropolitan local officials with responsibility for transportation;

 (6) select projects to be undertaken, in consultation with each metropolitan planning organization, from the metropolitan planning organization’s approved transportation improvement plan in metropolitan areas not designated as a transportation management area;

 (7) consult with each metropolitan planning organization, in metropolitan areas designated as transportation management areas, concerning the projects selected to be undertaken from the approved transportation improvement program and in accordance with the priorities approved by the transportation improvement program; and

 (8) when selecting projects to be undertaken from nontransportation management area metropolitan planning organizations’ transportation improvement programs, or selecting the nonmetropolitan area projects to be undertaken that are included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and when consulting with metropolitan planning organizations designated as transportation management areas, the commission shall establish a priority list of projects to the extent permitted by federal laws or regulations, taking into consideration at least the following criteria:

 (a) financial viability including a life cycle analysis of estimated maintenance and repair costs over the expected life of the project;

 (b) public safety;

 (c) potential for economic development;

 (d) traffic volume and congestion;

 (e) truck traffic;

 (f) the pavement quality index;

 (g) environmental impact;

 (h) alternative transportation solutions; and

 (i) consistency with local land use plans.

 (C)(1) To the extent that state funds are available to address the needs of the state highway system, the commission must develop a comprehensive plan specifying objectives and performance measures for the preservation and improvement of the existing system. The projects

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included in this plan must be supported solely by state funds including the Nonfederal Aid Highway Fund or other state revenue source. When developing the plan required by this subsection, the commission must consider, but is not limited to, considering~~,~~ the criteria in subsection (B)(8).

 (2) When state funding is programmed for a project selected from the plan to be undertaken, the department may use federal law, regulations, or guidelines relevant to the type of project being undertaken to be eligible for federal matching funds.

 (D) ~~To the extent permitted by federal laws or regulations, the commission has the authority to award all federal enhancement grants. Annually, the commission must submit a report to the chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the chairman of the House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, and the chairman of the House of Representatives Education and Public Works Committee describing the number of federal enhancement grants that were awarded and the recipients of the federal enhancement grants.~~

 ~~(E)~~ ~~The commission must give its prior authorization to any consulting contracts advertised for or awarded by the department and authorize the selection of consultants by department personnel.~~

 ~~(F)~~ ~~Roads may not be added to or removed from the state highway system without prior authorization from the commission.~~

 ~~(G)~~ ~~The department shall conduct a public hearing in each county in which a public hearing is required by federal regulations to allow the department to share information regarding the project with the local community and to allow the local community to address its concerns with department officials. The hearing must include the opportunity for members of the public to address a hearing officer in a format in which comments can be heard by the general public.~~

 ~~(H)~~ ~~The department shall promulgate, by regulation, procedures not inconsistent with federal laws for applying the criteria contained in subsection (B)(8) for prioritizing projects.~~

 ~~(I)~~ ~~The department may not sell surplus property without prior authorization from the commission.~~

 ~~(J)~~ The commission must approve the department’s annual budget.

 ~~(K)~~ ~~The department may not dedicate or name highway facilities without prior authorization from the commission.~~

 ~~(L)~~ ~~The department may not enter into any contract with a value in excess of five hundred thousand dollars without the prior authorization of the commission.~~

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 ~~(M)~~ ~~The commission shall give prior approval to any additional contracts the department wishes to be entered into during a fiscal year with an entity that has already received individual contracts during that fiscal year that in the aggregate value are at least five hundred thousand dollars.~~

 ~~(N)~~ ~~Any request made for resurfacing, installation of new signals, curb cuts on primary roads, bike lanes, or construction projects under ten million dollars must be reviewed and approved by the commission who certify that the request is needed based upon objective and quantifiable factors before work may proceed.~~

 ~~(O)~~ ~~The commission shall have any other rights, duties, obligations, or responsibilities as provided by law.~~” /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 Senator GROOMS explained the amendment.

 Senator SHEHEEN explained the amendment.

**Point of Order**

 Senator SCOTT raised a Point of Order under Rule 24A that the amendment was out of order inasmuch as it was not germane to the Bill.

 Senator SHEHEEN spoke on the Point of Order

 The PRESIDENT overruled the Point of Order.

 On motion of Senator SHEHEEN, the Bill was carried over.

**AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN**

**CARRIED OVER**

 S. 650 -- Senators Scott, Malloy, Williams and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑3‑90 SO AS TO GRANT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SPECIFIC AND EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF ALL OFFICER‑INVOLVED SHOOTINGS THAT RESULT, OR COULD HAVE RESULTED, IN BODILY INJURY OR DEATH, TO ALLOW FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF AN OFFICER‑INVOLVED SHOOTING TO BE COMPLETED BY A SEPARATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL FOR

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EVIDENCE COLLECTION AND PROCESSING IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO GRANT AN INVESTIGATING OFFICER THE SAME AUTHORITY AS HE WOULD HAVE IN HIS HOME JURISDICTION FOR THE DURATION OF THE INVESTIGATION, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE FORWARDING OF THE EVIDENCE TO THE CIRCUIT SOLICITOR UPON COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLETE AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

 The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

 Senator LOURIE proposed the following amendment (650R003.EB.JL), which was withdrawn:

 Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking subsections 23‑3‑90(A)‑(C) and inserting:

 / “Section 23‑3‑90 (A) A law enforcement agency may choose the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) or any other law enforcement agency, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to investigate incidents where one or more of its law enforcement officers were involved in the following:

 (1) the shooting of or discharge of a weapon at a person by a law enforcement officer acting in the line of duty; and

 (2) the unexpected death of an arrestee while in the care, custody, or control of a law enforcement officer or correctional officer; the unexpected death of an arrestee shortly after being in the care, custody, or control of a law enforcement officer or correctional officer; and the unexpected death of an intended arrestee during an arrest attempt by a law enforcement officer. For purposes of this section, ‘unexpected death’ includes all deaths which, before investigation, appear possibly to have been caused by trauma, suspicion, or obscure circumstances.

 (B) The law enforcement agency may not choose an internal investigation pursuant to subsection (A) if one of its law enforcement officers was involved in the shooting, discharge, or unexpected death. /

 Renumber sections to conform.

 Amend title to conform.

 On motion of Senator LOURIE, the Bill was carried over.

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**CARRIED OVER**

H. 3682 -- Reps. Finlay, Bannister, Newton, Cole, Delleney, Weeks, Whipper, Robinson‑Simpson and Bingham: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 4 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO ENACT THE “BAD FAITH ASSERTION OF PATENT INFRINGEMENT ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT BAD FAITH ASSERTIONS OF PATENT INFRINGEMENTS ARE PROHIBITED, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION IN STATE COURTS BY A RECIPIENT OF A BAD FAITH ASSERTION TO PATENT INFRINGEMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS MAY BE BROUGHT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND WILFUL AND KNOWING VIOLATIONS MAY RESULT IN CIVIL PENALTIES OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FACTORS THAT A COURT MAY CONSIDER WHEN MAKING A BAD FAITH DETERMINATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY, the Bill was carried over.

H. 4548 -- Reps. Sandifer, Forrester, Toole, Bales, Chumley, Burns, Hardee, Allison, Tallon, Henderson, Clemmons, Sottile, Crosby, V.S. Moss, Jefferson, Yow, Duckworth, H.A. Crawford, Jordan, Fry, Herbkersman, Lowe, Goldfinch, Hixon, Norman, Hiott, Taylor, McCoy, D.C. Moss, Collins, Rutherford, Anderson, Kirby, Pitts, Corley, Ballentine, Hamilton, Finlay, Huggins, Ott, Govan, Riley, Willis, Thayer, Felder, Hicks, Simrill, G.A. Brown, Bedingfield, Stringer, Ryhal, King, Loftis, Hayes, Mack, Rivers, Ridgeway, Clary, Brannon, Atwater, Daning, Bannister, Anthony, McEachern, Mitchell, Erickson, Weeks, Knight, Cole, George, Horne, G.R. Smith, G.M. Smith, Williams, Limehouse, Pope, Gambrell, Alexander, Stavrinakis, Newton, White, Spires, R.L. Brown, Gilliard, Dillard and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37‑2‑307, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CLOSING FEES ASSESSED ON MOTOR VEHICLES SALES CONTRACTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER WHO MEETS CERTAIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS MAY CHARGE A CLOSING FEE, TO ESTABLISH DEFENSES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER CLOSING FEES.

 On motion of Senator MALLOY, the Bill was carried over.

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H. 3147 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, Huggins, Weeks, Taylor, Pope, Collins, Johnson, Stavrinakis, Yow, Clemmons, Goldfinch, Murphy, J.E. Smith and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑1140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM SOUTH CAROLINA TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEDUCTION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SERVICE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑1170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO CONFORM THIS DEDUCTION TO THE MILITARY RETIREMENT DEDUCTION ALLOWED BY THIS ACT.

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, the Bill was carried over.

H. 3313 -- Reps. Pope, Simrill, Ballentine, Felder, Atwater, Bedingfield, Spires, Clary, Collins, Delleney, Hamilton, Hiott, Hixon, V.S. Moss, Norman, Stringer, Toole, W.J. McLeod and Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12‑43‑222 SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CALCULATING ROLL‑BACK TAX DUE ON A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY CHANGED FROM AGRICULTURAL TO COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL USE THE VALUE USED FOR PLATTED GREEN SPACE OR OPEN SPACE USE OF THE PARCEL, IF SUCH USE IS TEN PERCENT OR MORE OF THE PARCEL, MUST BE VALUED BASED ON THE GREEN SPACE OR OPEN SPACE USE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑43‑220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CLASSES OF PROPERTY AND APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING AMENDMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY HAS UNDERGONE AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST, DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX AND PENALTIES ASSESSED BECAUSE THE PROPERTY WAS IMPROPERLY CLASSIFIED AS OWNER‑OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHILE OWNED BY THE TRANSFEROR ARE SOLELY A PERSONAL LIABILITY OF THE TRANSFEROR AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND ARE NOT ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE

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PROPERTY AFTER THE ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IF THE TRANSFEREE IS A BONA FIDE PURCHASER FOR VALUE WITHOUT NOTICE.

 On motion of Senator HAYES, the Bill was carried over.

H. 3685 -- Reps. D.C. Moss and Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14‑1‑219 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FIVE DOLLAR SURCHARGE IS IMPOSED UPON ALL MONETARY PENALTIES IMPOSED BY CERTAIN COURTS FOR OFFENSES IN WHICH AN ELECTRONIC TICKET OR CITATION WAS ISSUED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SURCHARGE.

 On motion of Senator SETZLER, the Bill was carried over.

H. 3710 -- Reps. Hixon, Norman, Taylor, Wells, Hamilton, Atwater, Brannon, Gagnon, Corley, Ballentine, Southard, Clemmons, Delleney, Gambrell, Huggins, Kennedy, Kirby, Loftis, D.C. Moss, Pitts, Riley, Rivers, Simrill, Toole and Bedingfield: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑43‑225, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MULTIPLE LOT DISCOUNT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS OF ELIGIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

 On motion of Senator NICHOLSON, the Bill was carried over.

H. 3909 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Jefferson, Bernstein, G.A. Brown, Funderburk, Hill, W.J. McLeod, J.E. Smith, Whitmire, Gagnon, Dillard and Bowers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT”; BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑3520 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF BICYCLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑1710, RELATING TO THE TERM “MOPED” AND ITS DEFINITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO MOTORCYCLES OR BICYCLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑990, RELATING TO CERTAIN PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ALSO APPLIES TO PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS THAT EXHIBIT THE SYMBOLS FOR “WALK” OR “WAIT”, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS EQUIPPED WITH COUNTDOWN INDICATORS, A PEDESTRIAN MAY CROSS IF HE CAN

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COMPLETE THE CROSSING DURING THE REMAINING TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑3130, RELATING TO A PEDESTRIAN’S RIGHT‑OF‑WAY IN A CROSSWALK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL STOP TO YIELD TO A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING A ROADWAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑3230, RELATING TO A DRIVER’S DUTY TO EXERCISE DUE CARE WHEN OPERATING A VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ALSO APPLIES TO A DRIVER’S DUTY TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH AN ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE, A WHEELCHAIR, A FARM TRACTOR, OR A SIMILAR VEHICLE DESIGNED FOR FARM USE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑3425, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “BICYCLE LANE” AND OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES ALONG BICYCLE LANES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “BICYCLE LANE” AND TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “SUBSTANDARD‑WIDTH LANE”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑16‑10, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, AND WHOLESALERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM “BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS”.

 On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Bill was carried over.

S. 980 -- Senators Sheheen and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 69, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VETERINARIANS, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑69‑305 TO REQUIRE ALL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS DISPENSED TO AN ANIMAL’S OWNER TO BE LABELED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS SECTION.

 On motion of Senator VERDIN, the Bill was carried over.

S. 981 -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑9600 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO “NO MORE HOMELESS PETS” LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL ASSOCIATION SHALL COORDINATE THE GRANT PROGRAM, BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT, AND

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DISTRIBUTE GRANT MONEY; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL ACCOUNTING FOR THE PROGRAM; AND REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BEFORE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CAN RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER THE GRANT PROGRAM.

 On motion of Senator VERDIN, the Bill was carried over.

 H. 3343 -- Reps. Huggins, Toole, Long, McCoy, Knight, R.L. Brown, Pope, Collins, Bingham, Stavrinakis, Yow and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 47‑3‑420, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO METHODS OF EUTHANASIA THAT MAY BE USED TO KILL ANIMALS IMPOUNDED OR QUARANTINED IN ANIMAL SHELTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF BARBITURIC ACID DERIVATIVES, AND CARBON MONOXIDE GAS ARE NOT ALLOWABLE METHODS OF EUTHANASIA AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE USE OF SODIUM PENTOBARBITAL AND OTHER SUBSTANCES OR PROCEDURES THAT ARE HUMANE MAY BE USED TO PERFORM EUTHANASIA.

 Senator VERDIN explained the Bill.

 On motion of Senator VERDIN, the Bill was carried over.

 S. 1016 -- Senators Cleary, Jackson, J. Matthews, Campbell, Davis, Scott, Turner, Rankin, Alexander and McElveen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 45 TO TITLE 44 TO ENACT THE “EYE CARE CONSUMER PROTECTION LAW” SO AS TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR A PERSON WHO SELLS SPECTACLES OR CONTACT LENSES USING REFRACTIVE DATA OR INFORMATION GENERATED BY AN AUTOMATED TESTING DEVICE.

 On motion of Senator HAYES, the Bill was carried over.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE.**

**NONCONCURRENCE**

H. 3579 -- Reps. Simrill, White, Lucas, Allison, Henderson, Limehouse, Newton, Ott, Clary, Collins, Delleney, Forrester, Gambrell, Hardwick, Hiott, Horne, Merrill, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Pitts, Sandifer, G.M. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Wells, Whitmire, Yow, Jefferson,

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Erickson, Funderburk, Hosey, Hixon, Clyburn, Knight, Herbkersman, H.A. Crawford, Felder, Willis, McCoy, Bradley, Douglas, Norrell, Long, Bales, Daning, Loftis, Tallon, Anthony, Howard, Gagnon, Riley, Williams, Hayes, G.A. Brown, R.L. Brown, Hart, Weeks, Whipper, Pope, Tinkler, Hicks, Brannon, Corley, Clemmons, Johnson, George, Alexander, Anderson and Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE REFORM AND TAX RELIEF ACT”; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57‑1‑310, 57‑1‑320, 57‑1‑325, AND 57‑1‑330, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL THE COMMISSIONERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES MUST BE SCREENED BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS AND NO COUNTY MAY HAVE A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 57‑1‑410, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57‑1‑730 AND 57‑1‑740, AS AMENDED, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SCREEN APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS CURRENTLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS ARE SCREENED; BY ADDING SECTION 57‑1‑95 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THIS STATE UNTIL JULY 1, 2020, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 11‑43‑140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE THE BOARD TO THIRTEEN MEMBERS AND TO SET FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS; TO

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AMEND SECTION 11‑43‑180, RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE BANK FROM PROVIDING ANY LOANS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROJECT UNLESS THE ELIGIBLE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY‑FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; BY ADDING SECTION 11‑43‑265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO PRIORITIZE ALL PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN ACT 114 OF 2007, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION; BY ADDING SECTION 57‑1‑100 SO AS TO SET FORTH THE OPTIONAL PROCESS BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRANSFERS CERTAIN STATE ROADS TO THE COUNTIES OF THIS STATE, TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES OVER TIME, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTY MUST RECEIVE ONE MILLION DOLLARS BEFORE THE FUNDS ARE DISTRIBUTED BASED ON A FORMULA, TO AMEND SECTION 12‑28‑2740, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GASOLINE USER FEE TO THE COUNTIES OF THIS STATE, TO ABOLISH THE CURRENT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES AND THEN RECONSTITUTE THEM WITH THE ADDITION OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH “C” FUNDS MUST BE EXPENDED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56‑5‑4210 AND 56‑5‑4220, BOTH RELATING TO ROAD RESTRICTIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LOCALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑28‑310, RELATING TO THE USER FEE ON GASOLINE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE FEE TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑11‑410, RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE TAX TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑11‑450, RELATING TO THE CREDIT AGAINST ROAD TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE CREDIT TO TEN CENTS A GALLON; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑36‑2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX FROM THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑36‑2647, RELATING TO THE TAX REVENUES COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO CREDIT ALL THE REVENUES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS

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THAT ARE USED FOR THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT; BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 28, TITLE 12 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON THE WHOLESALE PRICE OF MOTOR FUEL EQUAL TO THE CUMULATIVE STATE SALES TAX RATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX MAY NOT EXCEED THE EQUIVALENT OF SIXTEEN CENTS A GALLON, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EXCISE TAX IS CALCULATED AND ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 57 SO AS TO IMPOSE AN EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE EXCISE TAX ON MOTOR FUEL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑510, RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE TAX BRACKETS FOR EACH TAX RATE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑520, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS PROVIDE THE BRACKETS SHALL NOT BE ADJUSTED IN TAX YEARS 2016 AND 2017.

 On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, H. 3579 was taken up for immediate consideration.

 The House returned the Bill with amendments, the question being concurrence in the House amendments.

 Senator MALLOY spoke on the Bill.

 The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 0; Nays 39**

**AYES**

**Total--0**

**NAYS**

Alexander Allen Bennett

Bright Bryant Campbell

Campsen Coleman Corbin

Courson Cromer Davis

Fair Gregory Grooms

Hayes Hembree Johnson

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Kimpson Leatherman Malloy

*Martin, Larry Martin, Shane* Massey

*Matthews, Margie* McElveen Nicholson

Peeler Reese Sabb

Scott Setzler Shealy

Sheheen Thurmond Turner

Verdin Williams Young

**Total--39**

 The Senate nonconcurred in the House amendments and a message was sent to the House accordingly.

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS**

 Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on April 19, 2016, at 1:20 P.M. and the following Acts were ratified:

 (R153, S. 850) -- Senator Hayes: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑9‑180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO STANDARD VALUATION, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PRESCRIBE NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE CONCERNING VALUING RESERVE LIABILITIES FOR OUTSTANDING INSURANCE POLICIES BASED UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE POLICY OR CONTRACT, TO ALTER THE ACTUARIAL OPINION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO REQUIRE THAT THE COMMISSIONER’S RESERVE VALUATION METHOD BE USED FOR POLICIES ISSUED AFTER MARCH 23, 1960, AND POLICIES ISSUED AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE A NEW FORMULA TO COMPUTE THE CALENDAR YEAR STATUTORY INTEREST RATE, TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO REFLECT THE COMMISSIONER’S RESERVE VALUATION METHODS, TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM RESERVE REQUIRED IF THE PREMIUM CHARGED BY A COMPANY IS LESS THAN THE VALUATION NET PREMIUM FOR THE POLICY OR CONTRACT, TO PRESCRIBE THE MINIMUM STANDARD OF VALUATION FOR ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRACTS ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE OPERATION MANUAL, TO

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PRESCRIBE THE OPERATIVE DATE FOR THE VALUATION MANUAL AND WHAT THE VALUATION MANUAL MUST SPECIFY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPANY THAT USES A PRINCIPLE‑BASED VALUATION, TO DEFINE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND TO PROVIDE PRIVILEGE FOR AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑63‑510, RELATING TO STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR LIFE INSURANCE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑63‑600, RELATING TO THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING ADJUSTED PREMIUMS AND PRESENT VALUES OF POLICIES ISSUED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1989, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSIONERS’ STANDARD MORTALITY TABLE SHALL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE MINIMUM NONFORFEITURE STANDARD FOR POLICIES ISSUED ON OR AFTER THE OPERATIVE DATE OF THE VALUATION MANUAL.

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 (R154, S. 1049) -- Senators Massey and Setzler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 33‑47‑1160 SO AS TO ALLOW A MARKETING COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION WHOSE TERM OF EXISTENCE HAS EXPIRED TO APPLY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR REINSTATEMENT WITHIN TWO YEARS OF ITS EXPIRATION.

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 (R155, S. 1076) -- Senator Hembree: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO UTILIZE CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT AN INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT NEED TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO DREDGE A MANMADE, PREDOMINATELY ARMORED, RECREATIONAL USE OR ESSENTIAL ACCESS CANAL.

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 (R156, H. 3204) -- Reps. Bernstein, J.E. Smith, Cobb‑Hunter, M.S. McLeod, Jefferson, Horne and Bales: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑29‑185 SO AS TO ENACT THE “CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION ACT”, TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2016‑2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY OFFER THE CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES TO ADOLESCENT STUDENTS ENROLLING IN THE SEVENTH GRADE OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL OR HOMESCHOOLING PROGRAM IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO HAVE THE VACCINE BEFORE ENROLLING IN OR ATTENDING SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY DEVELOP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE RELATED TO OFFERING THIS VACCINATION WITH SPECIFIC CONTENT REQUIREMENTS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE VACCINATION SERIES, TO DEFINE “CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION SERIES”, TO PROVIDE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS ACT IS CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF CERTAIN FUNDS, AND TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT FROM CONTRACTING WITH A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO OFFER THE VACCINATION SERIES IF THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PERFORMS ABORTIONS.

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 (R157, H. 3265) -- Reps. Wells, Taylor, Cole, Bedingfield, Sottile, Ridgeway, Hiott, Ott, Anthony, M.S. McLeod, Bannister, Henderson, Collins, Clary, Daning, McKnight, Kennedy, Pope, Hixon, Gagnon, Erickson, Long, Hicks, Nanney and W.J. McLeod: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT “RONALD ROUSE’S LAW”; TO AMEND SECTION 59‑32‑30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS MUST RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND AWARENESS OF THE USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE ENTIRE FOUR YEARS OF GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE, TO SPECIFY SKILLS THIS INSTRUCTION MUST INCLUDE, TO PROVIDE FOR ADAPTATION OF THE PROGRAM FOR VIRTUAL SCHOOLS, TO

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PROVIDE FOR WAIVERS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE REQUISITE HEALTH COURSE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE COURSE A SECOND TIME; TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY INCLUDE LANGUAGE FROM ANY SECTION OF THIS ACT IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH AND SAFETY EDUCATION CURRICULUM STANDARDS; AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST BEGIN COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT NO LATER THAN THE 2017‑2018 SCHOOL YEAR.

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 (R158, H. 3325) -- Reps. J.E. Smith, Hodges, Weeks, Whipper, Mitchell, Govan and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 61, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ENACT THE “CLEMENTA C. PINCKNEY UNIFORM PARTITION OF HEIRS’ PROPERTY ACT”; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE FOR A PRELIMINARY HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE PROPERTY IN AN ACTION TO PARTITION REAL PROPERTY IS HEIRS’ PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN A PARTITION ACTION; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR A COURT TO FOLLOW IN DETERMINING THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AND FACTORS FOR A COURT TO CONSIDER FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF PARTITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR OPEN‑MARKET SALES, SEALED BIDS, OR AUCTIONS, TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 61 AS ARTICLE 1; TO AMEND SECTION 15‑61‑10, RELATING TO PARTITION ACTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COURT HEARING TO DETERMINE IF THE PARTITION ACTION CONCERNS HEIRS’ PROPERTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 15‑61‑100, RELATING TO WRITS OF PARTITION, SO AS TO DELETE OBSOLETE REFERENCES.

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 (R159, H. 3545) -- Reps. Gambrell, Weeks, Bedingfield, V.S. Moss, Clemmons, Forrester, Gagnon, D.C. Moss, Pitts, Riley, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, White and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE “OMNIBUS CRIME REDUCTION AND SENTENCING REFORM ACT OF 2010”, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO AMEND SECTION 16‑11‑110, RELATING TO ARSON, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE ELEMENTS OF THE DEGREES OF ARSON; TO AMEND 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 PROCEDURES FOR THE RETURN OF FIREARMS OR AMMUNITION TO AN INNOCENT OWNER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 22‑3‑560, AS AMENDED, 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; TO AMEND SECTION 24‑19‑10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “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; TO AMEND SECTIONS 24‑21‑5 AND 24‑21‑100, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURES THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FOLLOW WHEN NOTIFYING PERSONS UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE MONITORING; TO AMEND SECTION 24‑21‑280, AS AMENDED, 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

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CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44‑53‑370 AND 44‑53‑375, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSES, BOTH SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO PRIOR AND SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE CONVICTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑470, AS AMENDED, 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; AND TO AMEND 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 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 56‑5‑2945.

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 (R160, H. 3576) -- Reps. Bannister, Merrill, Murphy, Atwater, Collins, Gagnon, Hamilton, Hicks, Pitts, Sandifer, G.R. Smith, Tallon, Whitmire, Henderson and Herbkersman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41‑1‑120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WRITTEN AGREEMENTS BETWEEN NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS AND COACHES PROVIDE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE COACH IS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RATHER THAN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COVERAGE AND INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE THESE WRITTEN AGREEMENTS ARE NOT CONCLUSIVE PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RELATIONSHIP FOR PURPOSES OF REQUIRED COVERAGE OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND OF ANY CIVIL ACTIONS

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INSTITUTED BY THIRD PARTIES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATION”.

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 (R161, H. 3706) -- Reps. Putnam, Gagnon, Yow, Thayer, Gambrell, Ridgeway, Norrell, Henderson, Fry and Bedingfield: AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 99, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EMERGENCY TREATMENT FOR MEDICAL HAZARDS CAUSED BY INSECT STINGS, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE “EMERGENCY ANAPHYLAXIS TREATMENT ACT”; TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, INCLUDING “AUTHORIZED ENTITY”, “EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTOR”, AND “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER”; TO ALLOW THE PRESCRIPTION OF EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTORS TO AUTHORIZED ENTITIES; TO ALLOW AUTHORIZED ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE AND STOCK EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTORS; TO ALLOW CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO PROVIDE AND ADMINISTER EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTORS AND TO ESTABLISH TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

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 (R162, H. 3788) -- Reps. Funderburk, Taylor, McKnight, Simrill, Burns, Gilliard, Corley, Douglas, Kirby, McCoy, Bales, Atwater, Alexander, McEachern, Jefferson, Spires, Anthony, G.A. Brown, Henegan, Anderson, Bernstein, Bingham, Clemmons, Clyburn, Goldfinch, Hardwick, Hixon, Hodges, Hosey, Limehouse, Long, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Norrell, Quinn, Ridgeway, Sandifer, Stringer, Toole, Weeks, Wells, G.M. Smith and Ballentine: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑28‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE EXPRESS WARRANTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS “MOTOR VEHICLE” AND A “NEW MOTOR VEHICLE”.

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 (R163, H. 3911) -- Reps. Willis and Allison: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑1230, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, CONTENT, AND PRODUCTION COSTS OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE INTERVAL IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST REISSUE A LICENSE PLATE FROM SIX YEARS TO TEN YEARS.

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 (R164, H. 4141) -- Reps. Gambrell, Sandifer and Pitts: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 43, TITLE 38 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CITATION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS ONLY UNDER WHICH TRAVEL RETAILERS MAY OFFER AND DISSEMINATE TRAVEL INSURANCE UNDER A LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE PRODUCER BUSINESS ENTITY LICENSE FOR COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT TRAVEL INSURANCE MAY BE PROVIDED UNDER AN INDIVIDUAL POLICY OR UNDER A GROUP OR MASTER POLICY, TO PROVIDE THAT LIMITED LINES TRAVEL INSURANCE PRODUCERS ACTING AS AN INSURANCE DESIGNEE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF THE TRAVEL RETAILER AND SHALL USE REASONABLE MEANS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY THE TRAVEL RETAILER WITH THIS ARTICLE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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 (R165, H. 4328) -- Rep. White: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12‑8‑1530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE QUARTERLY INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE OF THE FOURTH QUARTER RETURN FROM THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO THE LAST DAY OF JANUARY; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑8‑1550, RELATING TO THE DUE DATE FOR FILING STATEMENTS REGARDING INCOME TAX WITHHOLDINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE FROM THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO THE LAST DAY OF JANUARY; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE INCOME TAX LAWS, SO

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AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2015 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑4970, RELATING TO THE TIME TO FILE RETURNS, SO AS TO ADD REQUIREMENTS FOR WHEN A PARTNERSHIP MUST FILE; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑8‑590, RELATING TO TAX WITHHOLDING ON DISTRIBUTIONS TO NONRESIDENTIAL SHAREHOLDERS OF “S” CORPORATIONS AND NONRESIDENT PARTNERS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE FOR FILING WITHHOLDINGS FOR NONRESIDENT PARTNERS; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑13‑80, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RETURNS ON BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE FOR FILING RETURNS; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑20‑20, RELATING TO ANNUAL REPORTS FILED BY CORPORATIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DUE DATE OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑28‑110, RELATING TO MOTOR FUEL USER FEE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR “DIESEL GALLON EQUIVALENT” AND “GASOLINE GALLON EQUIVALENT”; BY ADDING SECTION 12‑28‑120 SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE TERM “GALLON”; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑36‑2120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES TAX, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN GASES TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑28‑1125, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN OCCASIONAL IMPORTER’S LICENSE OR BONDED IMPORTER’S LICENSE TO BRING CERTAIN MOTOR FUEL INTO THIS STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A LICENSE REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION USED TO DELIVER THE MOTOR FUEL.

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 (R166, H. 4662) -- Rep. Gambrell: AN ACT TO REENACT THE INTERSTATE INSURANCE PRODUCT REGULATION COMPACT AND RELATED PROVISIONS, ENACTED BY SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, AND 5, ACT 339 OF 2008, WHICH EXPIRED ON JUNE 1, 2014, AND TO MAKE THESE REENACTED PROVISIONS RETROACTIVE TO THIS EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO

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SPECIFICALLY NOT REENACT CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROVISIONS.

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 (R167, H. 4816) -- Rep. J.E. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑205 SO AS TO DESIGNATE JUNE TWENTY‑SEVENTH OF EACH YEAR AS SOUTH CAROLINA POST‑TRAUMATIC STRESS INJURY (PTSI) AWARENESS DAY.

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 **Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1B for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

**REPORT**

**Committee to Investigate Candidates for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce**

Date: April 19, 2016

Screening Report of Qualifications

The Committee to Investigate Candidates for the

South Carolina Department of

Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel

Workforce Review Committee

Act. No. 146 of 2010 created the SC Department of Employment and Workforce Review Committee and charged the review committee with, among other duties, the duty to screen candidates for membership on the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel and report the qualified candidates to the General Assembly for election. The transcript of the screening of each candidate is available on the Workforce Review Committee website which is located on the Citizens Interest tab of the SC State House website.

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The members of the Workforce Review Committee are as follows:

Senator Thomas C. Alexander, Chairman

Representative Kenny Bingham, Vice Chairman

Senator Luke A. Rankin

Senator John L. Scott

Representative Jenny Horne

Representative Joe McEachern

Mr. Brendan P. Bryant, Governor Appointee

Ms. Michelle P. Kelley, Governor Appointee

Mr. Patrick M. Michaels, Governor Appointee

After the Workforce Review Committee held their organizational meeting on February 25, 2016, the Workforce Review Committee began advertising the vacancies on February 25, 2016. The Workforce Review Committee received applications from three (3) persons by the deadline of March 18, 2016 - one candidate for each available seat. The three (3) applicants are incumbent appellate panelists, each of whom is seeking reelection to the seat that he or she currently holds. The Workforce Review Committee conducted background investigations of each candidate, including credit, driver’s license, and law enforcement checks.

On April 12, 2016, the Workforce Review Committee reported that the following candidates are “qualified” to serve on one of the three (3) seats of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel:

Evelyn Belicia Ayers - Seat #1

Tim Dangerfield - Seat #2

Steve Kelly, Jr. - Seat #3

Beginning on April 21, 2016, at Noon, candidates may solicit votes from members of the General Assembly, and members of the General Assembly may pledge their votes to candidates. The Joint Assembly elections will occur Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at Noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Thomas C. Alexander, Chairman

Representative Kenny Bingham, Vice Chairman

Senator Luke A. Rankin

Senator John L. Scott

Representative Jenny Horne

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Representative Joe McEachern

Mr. Brendan P. Bryant, Governor’s Appointee

Ms. Michelle P. Kelley, Governor Appointee

Mr. Patrick M. Michaels, Governor Appointee

**ADJOURNMENT**

 At 1:29 P.M., on motion of Senator LEATHERMAN, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M., under the provisions of Rule 1B.

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