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REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
Tuesday, March 11, 2025
(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:

I Chronicles 28:10

Speaking to his son, Solomon, David long ago said: "Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house as the sanctuary; be strong and act."

Join your heart with mine as we pray, friends: O glorious and ever-blessed God, as You directed him to do, David urged Solomon to honor You, to serve You faithfully, to work on Your behalf for the benefit of Your people. In like manner, Lord, so do You urge the women and men serving You here in the Senate of South Carolina to do the same: to "be strong and to act." Indeed, to that end may these Senators and their aides boldly do just that; avoiding the pitfalls of doing little or nothing, and tackling the often heavy weight issues that need to be resolved. And may the end results of their wise and just actions always bring about blessings for our citizens and honor to You, O Lord. So we pray in Your loving name. Amen.

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

Call of the Senate

Senator PEELER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Massey	Matthews
Nutt	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Turner	Verdin	Walker

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A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

Statewide Appointment

Initial Appointment, Office of the Adjutant General, with the term to commence January 13, 2025, and to expire January 13, 2029

Brigadier General Robin B. Stilwell, 125 Atwood Street, Greenville, SC 29601 *VICE* Major General R. Van McCarty

Referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

Local Appointments

Initial Appointment, Abbeville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Joyce K. Monts, Esquire, 297 Monts Farm Drive, Iva, SC 29655 *VICE* Susan B. Gladden

Initial Appointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Jill S. McDonald, 111 N. Fork Drive, Anderson, SC 29621 *VICE* Nancy W. Devine

Reappointment, Williamsburg County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Martin Ira Easler, 209 Short Street, Kingstree, SC 29556-3926

COMMUNICATIONS

3rd Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster State House, First Floor Columbia, SC 29201	The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett 401 Gressette Building Columbia, SC 29201
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The Honorable Mark Hammond 1205 Pendleton Street	The Honorable Charles F. Reid 213 Blatt Building
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Columbia, SC 29201

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February 19, 2025

RE: Approval of Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 3rd District DOT Commission

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et seq., members of the Senate representing the 3rd Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted.

As Chairman of the 3rd District Senate Delegation, I certify that Ms. Pamela L. Christopher received a majority of the weighted vote of only the Senators in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

Reappointment, Department of Transportation Commission, with the term to commence February 15, 2024, and to expire February 15, 2028
3rd Congressional District:

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 129 North Main Street, #200, Anderson, SC 29621-5608

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Thomas C. Alexander

3rd Congressional District Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
State House, First Floor
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Jeffrey S. Gossett
401 Gressette Building
Columbia, SC 29201

The Honorable Mark Hammond
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201
February 27, 2025

The Honorable Charles F. Reid
213 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

RE: Approval of Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 3rd District DOT Commission

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Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Section 57-1-325 et seq., members of the House of Representatives representing the 3rd Congressional District met to consider the above referenced appointment on Thursday, February 27, 2025. The meeting was publicly posted and members of the House of Representatives met.

As Senior member of the 3rd District Delegation, I certify that Ms. Pamela L. Christopher received a majority of the weighted vote of only the Senators in the delegation and a majority of the weighted vote of only the members of the House of Representatives in the delegation. Details of the appointment are below.

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3rd Congressional District:

Ms. Pamela L. Christopher, 129 North Main Street, #200, Anderson, SC 29621-5608

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
William R. Whitmire

REGULATION RECEIVED

The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 5370

Agency: Clemson University

Chapter: 27

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-37-20

SUBJECT: Honeybees

Received by President of the Senate March 11, 2025

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

The following was received:

Document No. 5336

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Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South
Carolina Board of Long-Term Health Care Administrators
Chapter: 93

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-35-60

SUBJECT: South Carolina Board of Long-Term Health Care
Administrators

Received by President of the Senate January 14, 2025

Referred to Medical Affairs Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

Permanently Withdrawn March 10, 2025

Motion to Ratify Adopted

At 12:11 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the House of Representatives was invited to attend the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying Acts at a mutually convenient time.

A message was sent to the House accordingly.

Doctor of the Day

Senator REICHENBACH introduced Dr. Winston Plunkett of Florence, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator GROOMS, at 12:10 P.M., Senator CAMPSSEN was granted a leave of absence for today.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator JACKSON, at 12:53 P.M., Senator ALLEN was granted a leave of absence until 2:00 P.M.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator CORBIN, at 1:01 P.M., Senator MARTIN was granted a leave of absence until Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Leave of Absence

On motion of Senator CHAPLIN, at 1:01 P.M., Senator ZELL was granted a leave of absence for today.

Expression of Personal Interest

Senator VERDIN rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

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Expression of Personal Interest

Senator MATTHEWS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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

S. 54 Sen. Leber
S. 104 Sen. Leber
S. 115 Sen. Corbin
S. 234 Sens. Chaplin and Zell
S. 235 Sen. Zell
S. 287 Sen. Graham
S. 330 Sen. Ott
S. 393 Sens. Rice and Zell
S. 426 Sen. Zell

RECALLED

S. 324 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CONTINUING BENEFITS AND VALUE OF MEDITATION, INTEGRATIVE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, AND SELF-CARE AND TO DECLARE APRIL 15, 2025, AS “PEACE, HARMONY, AND WELLNESS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

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

RECALLED

S. 417 -- Senator Verdin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 12, 2025, AS “OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH YEAR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

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

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

RECALLED AND ADOPTED

H. 4133 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers,

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Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J.E. Johnson, J.L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G.M. Smith, M.M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE CRISIS RECOVERY NETWORK COORDINATED BY THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD, TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NETWORK, AND TO RECOGNIZE THE NETWORK AS A TRUSTED SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS, DISTRICTS, AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE TO KNOW THEY MAY CALL UPON IT IF THE NEED ARISES.

Senator HEMBREE asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Resolution from the Committee on Education.

The Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Education.

Senator HEMBREE asked unanimous consent to make a motion to take the Resolution up for immediate consideration.

There was no objection.

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Resolution. The question then was the adoption of the Resolution.

On motion of Senator HEMBREE, the Resolution was adopted and ordered returned to the House.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

The following were introduced:

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S. 433 -- Senators Martin, Peeler, Cromer and Verdin: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROGER BAILEY UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FIFTY-SIX YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 434 -- Senator Garrett: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASON HOWLE, A SENIOR WRESTLER FOR GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR A SPECTACULAR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING CAREER.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 435 -- Senators Matthews and Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY, TO SALUTE THE MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND GIRL SCOUTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE, AND TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 12, 2025, AS "GIRL SCOUT DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 436 -- Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

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

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S. 437 -- Senator Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-130 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN EMPLOYEES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 17, TITLE 8 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

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

S. 438 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Jackson and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2-47-30 THROUGH 2-47-52, ALL RELATING TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE, THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND TO REFINE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, DEFINITIONS, AND EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL THEREOF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-56, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS-IN-KIND FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY GIFTS-IN-KIND ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROCUREMENT CODE; BY AMENDING SECTION 10-1-180, RELATING TO EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY STATE AGENCIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION REQUIRING APPROVAL AND TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PROJECTS BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED CODES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-185, RELATING TO POWERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION REQUIRING APPROVAL OF CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

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

S. 439 -- Senators Peeler, Turner, Davis, Bennett, Verdin, Alexander, Grooms, Kimbrell, Johnson, Jackson and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM

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REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT FOR THE EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN MANUFACTURING PROPERTY.

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

S. 440 -- Senator Climer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 11, 2025 AS "4-H DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND THE 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2024-2025 YEAR AND FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 441 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Operations and Management.

S. 442 -- Senator Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-195 SO AS TO PERMIT A GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE TO ENACT OR ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE RENTAL OF A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING TO A SHORT-TERM GUEST AND TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO SHORT-TERM RENTALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-70, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF A RETAILER AND A SELLER, SO AS TO AMEND THESE DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-15 SO AS TO DEFINE AN ACCOMMODATIONS INTERMEDIARY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO TAX ON ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRANSIENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT THIS TAX DOES NOT APPLY TO FACILITIES CONSISTING OF LESS THAN SIX SLEEPING ROOMS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-50-250, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TITLE, SO

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AS TO CHANGE THE TIME REFERENCED FROM NINETY DAYS TO ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS.

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

S. 443 -- Senator Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-23 SO AS TO REQUIRE A LICENSED PHYSICIAN TO SUPERVISE AND REVIEW HEALTHCARE COVERAGE DECISIONS DERIVED FROM THE USE OF AN AUTOMATED-DECISION MAKING TOOL.

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Senator SABB spoke on the Bill.

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

H. 3021 -- Reprs. Bradley, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Lawson, B. Newton, Wooten, Mitchell, Pope, Guffey, Neese, Martin, Chapman, Pedalino, McCravy, Chumley, W. Newton, Taylor, Hewitt, Schuessler, Davis, M. M. Smith, Long, Sanders, Teeple, Gagnon, Hixon, Erickson, Hager, Ballentine, Calhoon, Holman, Moss, Burns, Gilreath, Gilliam, Rankin, Vaughan, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Crawford, Robbins, Forrest, Magnuson, Willis, Brewer, Gibson and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FREEDOM ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-23-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL CONDUCT AN INITIAL REVIEW OF REGULATIONS PENDING REAUTHORIZATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR RETAINING OR REMOVING REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE IT IS THE DUTY OF THE COMMITTEE WHEN REVIEWING REGULATIONS TO REDUCE THE OVERALL REGULATORY BURDEN ON BUSINESSES BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE MAY REQUEST ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION FROM STATE AGENCIES AND TO REQUIRE THE COMPLIANCE OF AGENCIES WITH THESE REQUESTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-110, RELATING TO THE PROCESS FOR PROMULGATING REGULATIONS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

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ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE AGENCIES MAY NOT PROMULGATE REGULATIONS ABSENT EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND CITATION TO THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR EVERY REGULATION AN AGENCY PROPOSES, IT MUST IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TWO OF ITS REGULATIONS TO REMOVE, TO PROVIDE PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY A REGULATION MAY CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THE REGULATION IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, AND TO PROVIDE COURTS MAY DECLARE REGULATIONS INVALID UPON FINDING AN ABSENCE OF EXPRESS STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-115, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT REPORTS FOR REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL REGULATIONS SUBMITTED FOR PROMULGATION MUST INCLUDE ASSESSMENT REPORTS, TO ALLOW LONGER REVIEW PERIODS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE DISCOUNT RATES MUST BE JUSTIFIED IF APPLIED IN AN ANALYSIS REPORT, TO PROVIDE PROMULGATING AGENCIES MUST CONDUCT RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE ASSESSMENT CONTENTS MUST BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN A CERTAIN MANNER, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN STANDARDIZED ANALYTIC METHODS AND METRICS MUST BE APPLIED TO ALL REGULATIONS, TO REQUIRE RETROSPECTIVE ASSESSMENT REPORTS BE CONDUCTED WHEN REGULATIONS ARE REVIEWED FOR RENEWAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE FILED TO INITIATE THE REVIEW PROCESS FOR A REGULATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE AN AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION DATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION AND PERIODIC REVIEW OF REGULATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-380, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW UPON EXHAUSTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF AGENCY INTERPRETATIONS OF REGULATIONS.

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

Objection

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Senator RANKIN asked unanimous consent to place H. 3497 on the calendar without reference.

Senator CLIMER objected.

H. 3497 -- Reps. W. Newton, Wooten, Pope, Chapman, Forrest, Kirby, Ligon, Bailey, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Holman, Oremus, Sanders, Willis, Brewer, Hiott, Hixon, Caskey, Henderson-Myers, Wickensimer, Yow, Mitchell, Bamberg, Hart and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO INSURANCE LICENSURE, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURANCE COMPANY TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-60, RELATING TO THE PROMULGATION OF ALCOHOL REGULATIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE REGULATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING POSITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO REQUIRED LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A LIQUOR LIABILITY MITIGATION PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 3 TO TITLE 61 SO AS TO ESTABLISH AN ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-2220, RELATING TO ALCOHOL SALES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY SELLING ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON.

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

H. 3558 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, Hewitt, B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow, Oremus, Willis, Ligon and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 23 OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, RELATING TO CALLS OR APPLICATIONS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDING CONVENTIONS MADE TO CONGRESS, SO AS TO RETITLE THE ARTICLE, AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT, OATH, AND DUTIES OF COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE STATE AT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

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

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H. 3756 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Gatch, Hager and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE AND ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRIC UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER.

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

H. 4002 -- Reps. Burns and Bannister: A BILL TO DEVOLVE ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES, ASSETS, AND LIABILITIES OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO REPEAL ACT 1543 OF 1968, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE GREATER GREENVILLE SANITATION DISTRICT.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

H. 4156 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple,

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Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR LIEUTENANT JOSEPH WEST UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

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

H. 4157 -- Reprs. Sanders, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION FOR ITS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE DIVISION FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR FOR 2024.

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

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 161 -- Senators Verdin, Garrett and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO TITLE 44, CHAPTER 53, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A STATE PREFERRED DRUG LIST; PROHIBIT PREFERENCING COVERAGE OF AN OPIOID PRESCRIPTION TREATMENT OVER NON-OPIOID TREATMENT; PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF AN EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH REGARDING NON-OPIOID ALTERNATIVES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN; PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR PRACTITIONERS OFFERING NON-OPIOID TREATMENT; AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 170 -- Senators Hembree, Kimbrell, Stubbs, Matthews, Garrett, Adams, Graham and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-387 SO AS TO REQUIRE A LICENSED FACILITY TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO PREVENT EXPOSURE TO SURGICAL SMOKE BY REQUIRING THE USE OF A SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 287 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Grooms, Verdin, Davis, Turner, Gambrell, Hembree, Cromer, Kimbrell, Elliott, Zell, Ott, Garrett and Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMELINE FOR THE REQUIRED DEALER CERTIFICATION, DIRECTORY PUBLICATION, AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO THE INTERRUPTED DEBATE.

CARRIED OVER

S. 244 -- Senators Massey, Alexander, Rice, Turner, Climer, Williams, Bennett, Cromer, Grooms, Blackmon and Chaplin: A BILL TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN TITLES 15, 38, AND 61 ALL RELATED TO CIVIL CLAIMS, TORT LAW, AND INSURANCE COVERAGE. (Abbrev. title)

The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill, the question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

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

SECOND READING BILL

H. 4088 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO REPEAL ACT 668 OF 1934, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY FORFEITED LAND COMMISSION.

On motion of Senator CHAPLIN.

CARRIED OVER

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO

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DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 176 -- Senator Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, SO AS TO CORRECT A CROSS REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITION OF "ATTEST", "PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING", AND "SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-30, RELATING TO LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS AND FORMS FOR ISSUANCE OF REPORT BY PERSON OTHER THAN CPA OR PA, SO AS TO INCLUDE ELECTRONIC FILES AND METADATA TAGS AMONG THE ITEMS THAT MUST MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO USE THE TITLE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AND ABBREVIATIONS CPA AND PA; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-35, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE, SO AS TO REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE, REVISE WHAT AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE ON RECORD WITH THE BOARD TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, REVISE CERTAIN TIME REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO THE CPA EXAM, AND REVISE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE AN APPLICANT MUST HAVE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-40, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS FIRM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PERFORMS COMPILATION SERVICES MUST HOLD A REGISTRATION ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-2-40 AND PROVIDE THAT OWNERSHIP MAY ALSO BE HELD THROUGH A REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD, SO AS TO ADD REVIEW AND PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF ACCOUNTING AS A POWER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF COMPLAINTS OR OTHER INFORMATION SUGGESTING

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VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR MUST HAVE BEEN LICENSED AS A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR AT LEAST THE PREVIOUS FIVE YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-240, RELATING TO LICENSING OF PERSONS LICENSED IN ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REVISE HOW PERSONS LICENSED IN OTHER STATES CAN BE LICENSED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-2-245, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE IF LICENSED OUT OF STATE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 40-2-20(18), SECTION 40-2-35(H), AND SECTION 40-2-35(I) OF THE S.C. CODE.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following amendment (LC-176.WAB0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-2-20(33) and inserting:

(33) ~~“Substantial equivalency” or “substantially equivalent” is a determination by the board or its designee that the education, examination, and experience requirements contained in the statutes and administrative rules of another jurisdiction are comparable to, or exceed the completion of, a baccalaureate or higher degree in an accounting concentration that includes one hundred fifty semester hours of education, at least one year of acceptable experience, and successful completion of the Uniform CPA Examination. Any jurisdiction found to be substantially equivalent by NASBA’s National Qualification Appraisal Service is considered to be substantially equivalent to this State. In ascertaining substantial equivalency as used in this chapter, the board or its designee shall take into account the qualifications without regard to the sequence in which experience, education, or examination requirements were attained.~~Reserved.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-2-35(C)(1)(2) and (2) and inserting:

~~(b)(2) in addition to, or concurrently with, the degree in subitem (a) item (1), complete at least twenty-four semester credit hours, or the substantial-equivalent, of accounting courses at the junior level or above, that cover some or all of the following subject matter content:~~ Eligible courses include, but are not limited to: that are applicable to a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree and that cover some or all of the following subject matter content, excluding principles or

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~~introductory accounting courses: financial accounting for business organizations, financial statement auditing and attestation services, taxation, accounting information systems, financial accounting for government and not for profit entities, managerial or cost accounting, mergers and acquisitions, accounting based data analytics and interrogation techniques, financial planning, fraud examination, internal controls and risk assessment, financial statement analysis, accounting research and analysis, tax research and analysis, accounting professional ethics, and other areas approved by the board taught at the junior level or above~~

- ~~_____ (a) financial accounting for business organizations;~~
- ~~_____ (b) financial statement and auditing and attestation services;~~
- ~~_____ (c) taxation;~~
- ~~_____ (d) accounting information systems;~~
- ~~_____ (e) managerial or cost accounting;~~
- ~~_____ (f) merges and acquisitions;~~
- ~~_____ (g) data analytics;~~
- ~~_____ (h) information systems or technology;~~
- ~~_____ (i) accounting ethics; and~~
- ~~_____ (j) other courses the board approves through a regulation; and~~
- ~~— (e)(2)(3) in addition to, or concurrently with, the degree in subitem (a) item (1), complete at least twenty-four semester credit hours, or the substantial equivalent, of business-related courses, other than accounting, that are applicable to a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree and that cover some or all of the following subject matter content: business law, economics, management, marketing, finance, business communications, statistics, quantitative methods, data analytics, data interrogation techniques, business data acumen, information systems or technology, business ethics, and other areas approved by the board and which may include semester credit hours, or the substantial equivalent, in accounting content not used toward meeting the requirement in subitem (b) that cover some or all of the following subject matter content:~~
- ~~_____ (a) business law;~~
- ~~_____ (b) economics;~~
- ~~_____ (c) management;~~
- ~~_____ (d) marketing;~~
- ~~_____ (e) finance;~~
- ~~_____ (f) business communications;~~
- ~~_____ (g) data analytics;~~
- ~~_____ (h) information systems or technology;~~
- ~~_____ (i) business ethics; and~~

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(j) other subject matter content the board approves through a regulation; and

~~(2) The board may review and accept individual courses and educational programs determined to be substantially equivalent to the foregoing.~~

(4) In addition to meeting the combined requirements of subitems (1), (2), and (3), the experience requirements in Section 40-2-35(G) must be satisfied based on the applicant's highest level of education attained:

(a) Applicants who have completed a baccalaureate degree, the applicant must also satisfy the experience requirements in subsection 40-2-35(G)(1)(a), which requires two years of relevant professional experience.

(b) Applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree in accounting, taxation, laws in taxation, or business administration, the applicant must also satisfy the experience requirements in subsection 40-2-35(G)(1)(b), which requires one year of relevant experience.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 40-2-35(E)(3) and inserting:

(3) the applicant must have on record with the board official transcripts that meet the education requirement and that demonstrate successful completion of ~~of at least one hundred twenty semester hours credit, including:~~ the requirements of subsection (C)(1), (2), and (3).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(1), (4), and (2) and inserting:

(1) An applicant shall attain the following experience:

~~(1) at least one year of accounting experience, which must include providing a service or advice involving the use of accounting, attest, compilation, management advisory, financial advisory, tax, or consulting skills verified by a CPA in industry, academia, or public practice or verified by a valid report from NASBA's Experience Verification. This experience may be supervised by a non- licensee but must be verified by a CPA with direct knowledge of the experience who is licensed to practice accounting in some state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia~~

(a) applicants who have completed a baccalaureate degree and meeting the requirements of subsections (C)(2) and (3) must complete two years of relevant professional experience;

(b) applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree in accounting, taxation, laws in taxation, or business administration, and

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meeting the requirements of subsections (C)(2) and (3) must complete one year of relevant experience;

(c) applicants must present evidence of meeting the accounting experience requirement in a manner prescribed by the board; and

(d) applicants who present evidence of experience obtained seven or more years before the date of application must obtain and document an additional six months of experience within the prior two years of the date of application.

(2) teaching experience to include at least twenty four semester hours of teaching courses that are applicable to a baccalaureate, masters, or doctoral degree and which may cover subject matter areas such as financial accounting, taxation, and auditing, taught at the intermediate accounting level or above. This experience may be supervised by a non-licensee but must be verified by a CPA with direct knowledge of the experience who is licensed to practice accounting in any state or territory of the United States; The board may promulgate regulations to require that the accounting experience required pursuant to ~~subitem~~ item (1)(a) must be completed according to a competency framework developed by a recognized national accounting organization. The framework must be administered in accordance with rules established by the board.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(3)(f) and (g) and inserting:

(f) tax; ~~or~~

(g) consulting skills; or

(h) other qualifying experiences outlined in items (4) and (7).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(4)(a)(i) and (ii) and inserting:

(i) teaching experience taught at the intermediate ~~account~~ accounting level or above that includes at least twenty-four semester hours of teaching courses that apply to a baccalaureate, masters, or postgraduate degree and which may cover subject matters including, but not limited to, financial accounting, taxation, ~~and~~ auditing, technology, and other areas that fall within the scope of the Uniform CPA Examination; or

(ii) any combination of experience that the board determines to be ~~substantially~~ equivalent to the types of experience provided for in items (3) and (4)(a)(i) of this subsection.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by deleting Section 40-2-35(G)(4)(b) from the bill.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(6) and inserting:

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(6) The accounting experience required pursuant to this subsection may be attained in either full-time or part-time employment, but not more rapidly than forty hours per week. Two thousand hours of part-time accounting experience is equivalent to one year.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(8) and inserting:

(8) The accounting experience required by this subsection may only be attained after an applicant satisfies the requirements of subsections (C)(1), (2), and (3).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10, by striking Section 40-2-40(C)(6) and inserting:

(6) Owners shall at all times maintain ownership equity in their own right and must be the beneficial owners of the equity capital ascribed to them. Ownership may also be held through a revocable, not irrevocable, grantor trust, provided that the trust is established for the sole benefit of the owner, and provided that the owner retains full control and the ability to revoke the trust. Provision must be made for the ownership to be transferred to the firm or to other qualified owners if the noncertified public accountant or the beneficial owner of the revocable grantor trust ceases to be an active individual participant in the firm.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 17 and inserting:
SECTION 17. This act takes effect ~~upon approval by the Governor~~ on June 30, 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

Senator CLIMER proposed the following amendment (LC-176.WAB0005S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-2-35(C)(4)(b) and inserting:

(b) Applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree in accounting, taxation, laws in taxation, or business administration, a post-baccalaureate degree, or a baccalaureate degree and an additional thirty semester credit hours of education, the applicant must also satisfy the experience requirements in subsection 40-2-35(G)(1)(b), which requires one year of relevant experience.

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Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(1) and inserting:

(1) In addition to meeting the requirements of Section 40-2-35(C)(1), (2), and (3), an applicant shall attain the following experience:

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 40-2-35(G)(1)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) applicants who have completed a baccalaureate degree and meeting the requirements of subsections (C)(2) and (3) must complete two years of relevant professional experience;

(b) applicants who have completed a post-baccalaureate degree in accounting, taxation, laws in taxation, or business administration, and meeting the requirements of subsections (C)(2) and (3) a post-baccalaureate degree, or a baccalaureate degree and an additional thirty semester credit hours of education, must complete one year of relevant experience;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator CLIMER explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 41; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Nutt
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker

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Williams

Young

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

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

CARRIED OVER

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN

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APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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

CARRIED OVER

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

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

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED
READ THE SECOND TIME**

S. 337 -- Senator Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DAILY LIMIT OF SEVENTY-FIVE BLUE CATFISH IN STATE WATERWAYS OTHER THAN IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

The Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry proposed the following amendment (SFGF-337.BC0002S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-13-640(B) and inserting:

(B) It is unlawful to ~~take~~ possess more than twenty-five blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) a day in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River, and it is unlawful to take ~~possess~~ more than seventy-five one hundred fifty blue catfish a day in all other state waterways.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 50-13-640(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) It is unlawful to possess more than two blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*) greater than thirty-two inches in length in any one day in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, ~~or~~ the upper reach of the Santee River, and the Congaree and Wateree rivers, ~~and all other state waterways.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator GOLDFINCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 41; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Nutt
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

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

AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME

S. 345 -- Senators Campsen and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-510, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST BAITING WILD TURKEYS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ARE TWO HUNDRED YARDS OR MORE FROM A BAITED AREA MANAGED FOR THE RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF WILD BOBWHITE QUAIL.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Bill.

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Senator GOLDFINCH proposed the following amendment (SFGF-345.BC0003S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-11-510(C) and inserting:

(C) It is not a violation of this section if a person hunts or takes or attempts to hunt or take a wild turkey over a baited area for wild bobwhite quail, and is located on ~~is at least two hundred yards from a baited area located wholly within a property that is actively managed~~ permitted by the department for the restoration and sustainability of wild bobwhite quail, ~~and that is permitted by the department for this purpose. The department must apply current best practices for managing wild bobwhite quail habitat in making a permit determination. The property must not be leased for turkey hunting, and there must be no commercial hunts for wild turkey on the property. A permit issued by the department for the restoration and sustainability of wild bobwhite quail:~~

(1) must contain conditions in conformance with best practices for managing wild bobwhite quail habitat; and

(2) is contingent on the receipt and approval of a wild bobwhite quail management plan that must be updated no less than every five years.

(D) The department may revoke a permit issued under subsection (C) if a permit condition is violated.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator GOLDFINCH explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the second reading of the Bill.

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

Ayes 41; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
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Davis	Devine	Elliott
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Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Nutt
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

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

READ THE SECOND TIME

H. 3932 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-190, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN CLARENDON COUNTY, SO AS TO SPLIT AN EXISTING PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THE OFFICIAL PRECINCT MAP IS FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

The Senate proceeded to the 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 41; Nays 0

AYES

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Fernandez	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Graham	Grooms

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Hembree	Jackson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kimbrell	Leber
Massey	Matthews	Nutt
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	

Total--41

NAYS

Total--0

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

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS

Confirmations

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointments were confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Abbeville County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Joyce K. Monts, Esquire, 297 Monts Farm Drive, Iva, SC 29655 *VICE*
Susan B. Gladden

Initial Appointment, Anderson County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2023, and to expire April 30, 2027

Jill S. McDonald, 111 N. Fork Drive, Anderson, SC 29621 *VICE*
Nancy W. Devine

Reappointment, Williamsburg County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 30, 2022, and to expire April 30, 2026

Martin Ira Easler, 209 Short Street, Kingstree, SC 29556-3926

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 11, 2025, at 1:25 P.M. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

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(R7, S. 157) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Graham and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1105, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY" AND TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO INCLUDE STORM RECOVERY COSTS FOR HURRICANE HELENE IN ITS COST OF CAPITAL FROM THE DATE OF THE STORM THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF STORM RECOVERY BONDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-1110, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR FINANCING ORDER AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO DEFER THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER, AND PROVIDE FOR THE PARTICIPATION OF A QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY RETAINED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
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(R8, S. 363) -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5329, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.
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(R9, H. 3952) -- Reps. Mitchell, Luck, Williams and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 571 OF 1965, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY MILLAGE LEVY FOR THE FLORENCE-DARLINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BUDGET TO BE APPROVED BY THE DARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL INSTEAD OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION.
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Motion Adopted

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:26 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 1:00 P.M.

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