

Under the Dome – Legislative Report
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2nd Regular Session of the 122nd South Carolina General Assembly

Welcome to the first edition of the 2018 Under the Dome. The purpose of this publication is to give you a weekly synopsis of the activities of the South Carolina General Assembly, an overview of legislation introduced during the week and an early legislative meeting schedule for next week. We encourage you to review the bills listed and let us know if there are any you would like to track through the legislative process. We look forward to working with you and representing your interests before the General Assembly this year.

New House Members

Both the Senate and House of Representatives convened at noon on Tuesday and opened the 2018 session by welcoming new members and setting the tentative work schedules for the next several weeks.

Speaker of the House Jay Lucas (R – Darlington) swore in five new members to the House of Representatives:

- Representative Wendy Brawley, District 70 - Hopkins, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Representative Joe Neal, who passed away last February.
- Representative Bruce Bryant, District 48 - York, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of now-Congressman Ralph Norman who resigned to run for SC Congressional District 5.
- Representative Marvin Pendarvis, District 113 - Charleston, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Seth Whipper who resigned to become a Charleston Magistrate Judge.
- Representative Rosalyn Henderson Myers, District 31 - Spartanburg, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Harold Mitchell who resigned for personal reasons.
- Representative Tim McGinnis, District 56 – Myrtle Beach, who was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mike Ryhal who resigned for personal reason.

Veto Controversy

The General Assembly convened in special session last year to complete the budget and adjourned for the year before Governor McMaster issued his [budget vetoes](#) with the understanding that members would not return to consider vetoes unless there were issues substantial enough to impact the operation of state government. Governor McMaster issued 41 budget vetoes, including \$20 million dollars for new school bus leases and purchases.

From the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1, 2017) until now, it has been determined there will be a slight budget shortfall which normally means items from the nonrecurring revenue list are cut from the bottom up in order to balance the budget. As such, the cut list is now uncertain because of vetoes the House sustained and overridden vetoes which will be considered by the Senate next week.

Because the annual appropriations bill always begins in the House and has a House bill number, veto override consideration begins in the House, and vetoes sustained are done while those overridden move to the Senate for consideration. On Thursday, President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman (R – Florence, also Chairman of Finance) said Finance staff was putting together a list and explanation of the vetoes sustained and overridden and how those vetoes would impact the shortfall and overall budget so Senators could review and be ready to decide how to handle vetoes in the Senate next week.

Senator Vincent Sheheen (D – Kershaw) and Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler (D – Lexington) both rose to ask questions and wanted members to understand the House action on vetoes basically equated to one chamber – not the entire General Assembly – deciding on what should and should not be funded, even through the entire General Assembly is tasked with passing the state budget. Senator Setzler brought up the fact that sustaining a nonrecurring veto “dropped those funds down” the list, and allocations which would naturally be cut can now be funded and implied the House carefully crafted their sustained vetoes to correspond with House priorities while effectively cutting the allocations of Senate priorities.

Review forthcoming of the Dominion Energy Proposal to Purchase SCANA

On Tuesday, President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman took the podium to give an update on the V.C. Summer Nuclear debacle, as it is the number one priority this session. Please see below for an excerpt of Senator Leatherman’s comments:

“I rise today to discuss the issue that has been front and center for each of us this past fall and likely to consume much of our time this session. That issue is, of course, the aftermath of the VC Summer nuclear debacle. I am not asking for a specific course of action, but rather to simply ask while we address this issue that “the Senate be the Senate.”

We are faced with a once in a generation problem that also affords us a once in a generation opportunity -- to make corrections to our utility laws. This we must do! It is an opportunity that we must not miss or misuse because of haste.

As we begin the process of addressing the VC Summer debacle, I ask that the Senate continue to be the deliberative Body. The call for the Senate to be a deliberative Body is an admonition sent straight from our founding fathers to each succeeding generation. We need the Senate to take its time to ensure that the decisions that we make are well thought out and take into account more than just political expediency. There will be the inevitable calls for quick action by some. Those shouts from across the hall are part of their job. Not heeding those calls without good reason is part of ours. Acting quickly to satisfy the whims of the moment will not be our primary concern. As always, our mantra should be that “correct action is more important than quick action.” But let me also add this. While we will not be governed by artificial deadlines in order to make hasty and perhaps ill-informed decisions, we will also not be constrained by ending points that would frustrate our ability to solve these issues. If these issues are not completed and need to be completed for our citizens, we will stay here or we will come back to finish what needs to be done.

Senator Leatherman thanked the Senate V.C. Summer Nuclear Project Review Committee for their countless hours hearing testimony and reviewing documents to determine next steps. He asked the Judiciary Committee to take up the package of legislation brought forward by the Committee and also view Santee Cooper with “fresh eyes” to determine whether or not it should be sold and the best action to ensure the billions in bonds which are outstanding are not put at risk. Senator Leatherman asked the Committee to reconvene and bring Dominion Energy in to review their offer to purchase SCANA and how that offer would impact every aspect, from ratepayers to the thousands of employees whose lives would be impacted.

Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey (R – Laurens, co-Chair of the V.C. Summer Committee) thanked Senator Leatherman and his colleagues and spoke of warnings to the Senate regarding ideas, proposals and potential untruths that could be used as scare tactics to influence votes on the matter.

Massey, in referring to the work of the Senate Committee said it was a learning experience, but he said everyone knows the Dominion offer is out there. “This is gearing up to be a huge, huge lobbying effort,” and he promised there is more than one version of things. Massey said it is very important that the Senate and public learn as much about this deal as possible, as the House is likely to “pass every one of their bills next week.” Senator Massey spoke of the many ratepayer constituents, utility employees and lobbyists who would be reaching out, and the big fight is whether or not SCANA, Dominion, or whomever it ends up being can continue to charge customers and if the Base Load Review Act would remain intact. “Please listen to every side and do not make a decision too quickly,” said Massey who also reiterated it is not realistic to think SCANA is going to refund the \$1.8 billion to ratepayers.

Committee Co-Chairman and Senate Minority Leader Nikki Setzler took the podium to say that while SCANA has its faults, Santee Cooper does as well. The retirement system for Santee Cooper executives will be reviewed, and the average citizen impacted – not the top 10 SCANA stockholders – should be who the Senate is worried about, along with utility employees of both SCANA and Santee Cooper. “I have never seen anything as huge as this in South Carolina,” said Setzler, who has served in the Senate for more than 30 years.

Dominion Energy’s President and CEO Tom Farrell will testify before the Senate V.C. Summer Nuclear Project Review Committee next Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00 a.m. and before the House Utility Ratepayer Protection Committee Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Inaugural meeting of the Energy Caucus

The South Carolina Energy Caucus met Wednesday morning to kick off its inaugural meeting and elect Representatives Nathan Ballentine (R – Richland) and Russell Ott (D – Calhoun) as Caucus Co-Chairs. Representative James Smith (D – Richland) opened the meeting noting energy prices in South Carolina attracted more business to the state not too long ago, but prices are now behind our neighbors to the North and South. Smith commented on the bipartisan efforts being made to gain expertise and knowledge in energy policy. Solar energy representatives gave presentations about the importance of lifting the solar energy cap, as current law

states no more than two percent of the state’s energy can come from solar panels. The cap could be reached in 2018, and thousands of jobs could be on the line if a resolution is not reached.

2018 – Meetings and Events

[Latest Senate meeting posts](#)

[Latest House meeting posts](#)

Tuesday, January 16th	
House convenes at 12:00 noon	Live Stream
Senate convenes at 2:00 p.m.	Live Stream
Senate V.C. Summer Nuclear Project Review Committee – Testimony from Tom Farrell, President and CEO of Dominion Energy	11:00 a.m. 105 Gressette – Live Stream
Wednesday, January 17th	
Senate convenes at 12:00 noon	Live Stream
House convenes at 2:00 p.m.	Live Stream
House Utility Ratepayer Protection Committee – Testimony from Tom Farrell, President and CEO of Dominion Energy	9:00 a.m. 110 Blatt – Live Stream
Senate LCI Regulatory & Local Government Subcommittee – AGENDA – S.579, Public policy for Building Codes, numerous revisions / Other Bills	10:00 a.m. 307 Gressette
Full House Education & Public Works Committee – AGENDA – H.3820, Require instruction in prescription opioid abuse prevention in grades 9 – 12 / H.3920, Require signs in public schools with telephone numbers and information for reporting incidents of child abuse and neglect / H.3060, STEP Incentive for Successful Teachers in Low-Performing Schools Study Committee	10:00 a.m. 433 Blatt
House Ways and Means Legislative, Executive and Local Government Budget Subcommittee – AGENDA – SC Election and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism presenting budget requests	1 hour after the House adjourns 511 Blatt
House Ways and Means Public Education and Special Schools Budget Subcommittee – AGENDA – Governor’s School for the Arts and Humanities and others presenting budget requests	1.5 hours after the House adjourns 521 Blatt

Full House Judiciary Committee – AGENDA – S.105, Automatic Stays and the Administrative Law Court / H.3699, Disclosure of health information about a child to caregivers / H.3701, Informing relatives about Foster Parents / Other Bills	2:30 p.m. or 1.5 hours after the House adjourns 516 Blatt
Senate General Children’s Affairs Subcommittee – AGENDA – DSS Oversight Update by DSS Director Susan Alford / S.794 which would establish the Department of Children’s Services / S.805 which would create the Department of Children’s Advocacy	3:00 p.m. 207 Gressette
Thursday, January 18th	
House convenes at 10:00 a.m.	Live Stream
Senate convenes at 11:00 a.m.	Live Stream
Full Senate Medical Affairs Committee – Statewide appointments, including Josh Baker for Director of the Department of Health and Human Services	10:00 a.m. 308 Gressette – Live Stream
Senate Agriculture Regulation & Resolution Subcommittee – S.712, Statewide Advisory Referendum re: Question of whether or not the development of an offshore oil and natural gas industry should be conducted	10:00 a.m. 207 Gressette

Future Meetings and Events

Additional Meetings May be Posted

<u>House Ways and Means Committee Budget Schedule</u>		*Subject to change at the discretion of the Chairman
January 9 – 11	First week of session & budget subcommittees	
January 16 – 18	Budget subcommittee meetings	February 1 st – Deadline for proviso submittals
January 23 – 25	Budget subcommittee meetings	
January 30 – Feb 1	Budget subcommittee meetings	
February 6 – 8	Budget subcommittee meetings	February 15 th : Board of Economic Advisors estimate due
February 13 – 15	PROVISO Subcommittee meeting	
February 20 – 22	FULL COMMITTEE budget deliberations	
February 27 – March 1	Appropriation bills printed	
March 6 – 8	Appropriations bills placed on member desks	
March 12 – 15	HOUSE FLOOR budget deliberations	
Tuesday, April 10th		
Crossover Deadline for legislation		<i>IMPORTANT:</i> Legislation not passing one chamber before the crossover deadline is likely null and void, as a majority vote would be required for the receiving chamber to accept and take up the bill.

Thursday, May 10th

Statutory Sine Die date – 5:00 p.m.

As noted above, any legislation not achieving passage by this date is null and void.

Newly Introduced Legislation Week of January 9 – 11th

RPL reviews all legislation introduced in the Senate and House each week. The list below includes bills of interest to our clients which will be tracked throughout the session. Please let us know if there are specific bills you would like receive updates on as they move through the legislative process, and feel free to call Ted, Hobart or Tara anytime at (803) 799-9993 or email tboone@rplfirm.com with questions or comments.

[All Senate bills introduced this week](#)

[All House bills introduced this week](#)

Animal Cruelty

[S. 841](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-1-17(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MAGISTRATES, TO PROVIDE THAT CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MAGISTRATES MUST REQUIRE TWO HOURS OF EDUCATION IN THE AREA OF ANIMAL CRUELTY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO CRUELLY TETHERS A DOG IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING NINETY DAYS OR BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH, FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, OR BY IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS OR BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH, FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF QUARANTINED OR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, A LITTER OF UNIDENTIFIABLE DOGS OR CATS FOUR MONTHS OF AGE OR YOUNGER MAY BE TURNED OVER TO AN ORGANIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HEALTHY, UNIDENTIFIABLE CATS FOUND OR PICKED UP FROM AN OUTSIDE AREA AND CONSIDERED STRAY MAY BE STERILIZED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND THEN RETURNED TO THE AREA IN WHICH THEY WERE FOUND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER SURGERY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-145, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS AWARDED CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 47-1-150 AND THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO AN ANIMAL WITHOUT COMPENSATION MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE COURT REQUESTING THAT THE DEFENDANT, IF FOUND GUILTY, BE ORDERED TO DEPOSIT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO SECURE PAYMENT OF ALL THE REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CUSTODIAN; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-9600(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SPECIAL FUND TO SUPPORT LOCAL ANIMAL SPAYING AND NEUTERING PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY MAY APPLY FOR UP TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER GRANT APPLICATION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR AND MAY APPLY FOR MULTIPLE GRANTS DURING A FISCAL YEAR, TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MUST BE FULFILLED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIVING FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ENCOURAGE TIER 3 AND TIER 4 COUNTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE, TO PROVIDE THAT, SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THIS STATE, DURING AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER, A

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VETERINARIAN OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WHO IS NOT LICENSED IN THIS STATE, BUT IS LICENSED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION, MAY PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE RELATED TO THE RESPONSE EFFORTS IN LOCATIONS IN THIS STATE IF AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE VETERINARIAN OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN FOR A SPECIFIED TIME BY THE GOVERNOR WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-470(3), SECTION 47-3-480, AND SECTION 47-3-490 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS, TO REPLACE THE TERM "ANIMAL REFUGE" WITH "RESCUE ORGANIZATION"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC PETS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 16, TO PROVIDE FOR SHELTERING STANDARDS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS SHALL HAVE THE DUTY TO ENFORCE SHELTER STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST, AND THE INSPECTION OF, ANIMAL SHELTERING FACILITIES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

[H. 4594 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 47-1-10 AND 47-1-70, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF CERTAIN TERMS INVOLVING CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND THE ABANDONMENT OF AN ANIMAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "DOG SHELTER".

Children

[H. 4597 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. Howard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-780 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF AN ENERGY DRINK TO A MINOR, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM ENERGY DRINK.

Firearms

[H. 4598 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Thayer, Putnam, Gagnon, Spires, West, McCravy and Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-31-232 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT HOLDER TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY LEASED BY A CHURCH FOR CHURCH SERVICES OR OFFICIAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES IF THE CHURCH OR ITS GOVERNING BODY PROVIDES EXPRESS PERMISSION TO THE PERMIT HOLDER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES DURING THE TIME THAT THE CHURCH HAS ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY FOR ITS SERVICES OR ACTIVITIES.

Healthcare

[S. 874 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-170(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, TO ADD ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION VEHICLES TO THE DEFINITION.

[S. 891 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-37-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INFORMATION THAT MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS OF NEWBORNS, TO INCLUDE SAFE SLEEP PRACTICES AND THE CAUSES OF SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH SYNDROME IN THE INFORMATION THAT MUST BE PROVIDED.

[H. 4528 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Bannister, Bedingfield, Hamilton, Putnam, Dillard, Elliott and Henderson: A BILL TO AFFIRM AND RATIFY THAT THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES HAS THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO CREATE A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM THAT MEETS ITS OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE QUALITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LEGAL ENTITIES FOR STRATEGIC AND OPERATION MANAGEMENT, AND TO AMEND ACT 432 OF 1947, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM TO THE GREENVILLE HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Healthcare – Telemedicine, practice clarification

[H. 4529 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN BOARD OF NURSING LICENSEES MAY PERFORM DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE AND TO DEFINE "TELEMEDICINE"; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS BY CERTAIN BOARD OF NURSING LICENSEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PRACTICE ACT FOR PHYSICIANS AND CERTAIN OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS MAY BE PERFORMED BY MEANS OF TELEMEDICINE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO ACTS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY PERFORM, SO AS TO INCLUDE TELEMEDICINE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-955, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE TELEMEDICINE.

Insurance

[S. 856 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INSURANCE DATA SECURITY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 99 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO DEVELOP, IMPLEMENT AND MAINTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION SECURITY PROGRAM BASED ON THE LICENSEE'S RISK ASSESSMENT AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECURITY PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSEE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IF APPLICABLE, TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO MONITOR THE SECURITY PROGRAM AND MAKE ADJUSTMENTS IF NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE LICENSEE MUST ESTABLISH AN INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN, TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO SUBMIT A STATEMENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE ANNUALLY; TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSEE IN THE EVENT OF A CYBERSECURITY EVENT; TO REQUIRE A LICENSEE TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF CERTAIN INFORMATION IN THE EVENT OF A CYBERSECURITY EVENT; TO GRANT THE DIRECTOR THE POWER AND AUTHORITY TO EXAMINE AND INVESTIGATE A LICENSEE; TO PROVIDE THAT DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, OR OTHER INFORMATION IN THE CONTROL OR POSSESSION OF THE DEPARTMENT MUST BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO SHARE OR RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS.

K-12 Education

[S. 858 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-1300, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS OF THE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS MAY OPT OUT OF THESE REQUIREMENTS BUT MUST FORGO STATEWIDE APPROPRIATIONS, AND TO MAKE THESE PROVISIONS APPLICABLE JULY 1, 2018.

[S. 888 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senators Hembree, Gregory, Bennett, Grooms, Climer, Shealy, Peeler, Goldfinch, Massey, Talley, Verdin, Turner, Timmons, Alexander, Cash, Gambrell, Campbell, Senn, Young, Cromer, Davis, Rice, Martin and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-47 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACULTY MEMBERS ANNUALLY MAY RECEIVE PAYMENTS FOR UNUSED ANNUAL LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE IN EXCESS OF NINETY DAYS AT AN ESTABLISHED RATE OF SUBSTITUTE PAY FOR THEIR JOB CLASSIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT AMEND OR REPEAL EXISTING PROGRAMS THAT MAKE SIMILAR PAYMENTS BUT AT LOWER RATES, OR RELATED RIGHTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATIONS.

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[H. 4596 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Collins, Allison, Felder, Govan, Taylor, Bradley, Knight and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE EXEMPTION OF COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AND PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.

Local Government

[S. 880 \(Word version\)](#) -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-353 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY OPERATE AN ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE ALONG THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

[H. 4534 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Duckworth, Johnson, Crawford, Hardee, Hewitt and Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-39-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF FEES OR TAXES RELATED TO PAWN TRANSACTIONS OR PURCHASES, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 39, TITLE 40 DO NOT AFFECT THE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO ESTABLISH LAND USE CONTROLS OR REQUIRE A PAWNBROKER TO OBTAIN A LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-39-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON AUTHORIZED PAWNBROKER FEES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-39-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RECORDKEEPING AND MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS OF PAWNBROKERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DIGITAL RECORDS AND TO PROVIDE ALL PLEDGED ITEMS MUST BE HELD FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-39-90, RELATING TO RECORDS PAWNBROKERS SHALL MAINTAIN FOR INSPECTION BY CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MAY ENACT LOCAL REGULATIONS REQUIRING THE PAWNSHOPS TO PROVIDE OR TRANSFER THE PAWN RECORDS BY ELECTRONIC DATA TRANSFER TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT DATABASE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-39-145, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HOLD ORDERS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT SHALL SEIZE SUSPECTED STOLEN OR MISAPPROPRIATED PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF A PAWN SHOP, TO PROVIDE A PAWNBROKER'S RELEASE OF SUCH PROPERTY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE WAIVER OF THE PAWNBROKER'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, AND TO PROVIDE PLEDGORS SHALL PAY RESTITUTION FOR STOLEN GOODS PLEDGED TO PAWNBROKERS UPON THE COMPLETION OF RELATED CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING THE STOLEN PLEDGED PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 40-39-160, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS CONCERNING PAWN TICKETS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 15 OF ACT 262 OF 2016 RELATING TO CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING PAWNBROKERS.

[H. 4610 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN POWERS OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO REVISE THE FREEHOLDER PROCEDURE FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL TAX DISTRICT.

SC Net Neutrality Preservation Act

[H. 4614 \(Word version\)](#) -- Rep. McKnight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA NET NEUTRALITY PRESERVATION ACT", TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE PUBLICLY SHALL DISCLOSE ACCURATE INFORMATION REGARDING THE NETWORK MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERFORMANCE, AND COMMERCIAL TERMS OF ITS BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICES SUFFICIENT FOR CONSUMERS TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES REGARDING USE OF SUCH SERVICES AND FOR CONTENT, APPLICATION, SERVICE, AND DEVICE PROVIDERS TO DEVELOP, MARKET, AND MAINTAIN INTERNET OFFERINGS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PRACTICES BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA; TO PROVIDE THAT VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT ARE NOT REASONABLE IN RELATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF BUSINESS AND CONSTITUTE AN UNFAIR OR DECEPTIVE ACT IN TRADE OR COMMERCE AND AN UNFAIR METHOD

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OF COMPETITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPLYING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSUMER PROTECTION CODE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC ENTITY MAY NOT ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH A TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER ENGAGED IN THE PROVISION OF BROADBAND INTERNET ACCESS SERVICE IN SOUTH CAROLINA UNLESS THE CONTRACT INCLUDES A REPRESENTATION THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER IS NOT CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN, AND AN AGREEMENT THAT THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OR INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER WILL NOT ENGAGE IN, THOSE PRACTICES PROHIBITED BY THIS ACT.

Opioid Epidemic – Package of bills recommended by the House Opioid Abuse Prevention Study Committee

[H. 4590 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Felder, King, B. Newton, Bryant, Pope, D. C. Moss and Simrill: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-755, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF AURICULAR DETOXIFICATION THERAPY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LICENSED ACUPUNCTURISTS OR LICENSED PHYSICIANS, SO AS TO REDUCE THE REQUIRED DEGREE OF SUCH SUPERVISION FROM DIRECT SUPERVISION TO GENERAL SUPERVISION.

[H. 4600 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Huggins, Bedingfield, Alexander, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Fry, Henderson, Hewitt, Ridgeway, Spires, West, Norrell, Weeks, Rutherford and Atwater: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-130-70 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DISTRIBUTE OPIOID ANTIDOTES TO A PERSON AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID-RELATED OVERDOSE OR TO A CAREGIVER OF SUCH A PERSON; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-130-20, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTOR".

[H. 4601 \(Word version\)](#) -- Reps. Fry, Bedingfield, Alexander, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Henderson, Hewitt, Huggins, Ridgeway, Spires, West, Norrell, Weeks, Rutherford and Atwater: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-75-225 SO AS TO PROVIDE CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE AS AN ADDICTION COUNSELOR; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-5, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO BOARD REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-50, RELATING TO THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE DUTIES CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTION OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-110, RELATING TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING BOARD LICENSEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-190, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIALITY OF CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS BY LICENSEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS AND TO REVISE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-220, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSURE AND FAMILY AND MARRIAGE THERAPIST LICENSURE, SO AS TO REVISE THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-230, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR LICENSURE AND FAMILY AND MARRIAGE THERAPIST SUPERVISOR LICENSURE, SO AS TO MAKE THOSE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ADDICTION COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR LICENSURE; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-240, RELATING TO INTERN LICENSES, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TERM "INTERN" WITH "ASSOCIATE" AND TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR INTERNS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DISPLAY OF LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR LICENSES AND ADDICTION COUNSELOR ASSOCIATE LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-260, RELATING TO RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELOR CREDENTIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-285, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDICTION COUNSELORS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-75-290, RELATING TO PERSONS NOT APPLICABLE TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING CERTAIN ADDICTION COUNSELORS; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 AS "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, ADDICTION COUNSELORS, AND PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS", AND TO

REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 AS "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND ADDICTION COUNSELORS".

[H. 4602](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Henderson, Bedingfield, Alexander, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Fry, Hewitt, Huggins, Ridgeway, West, Norrell, Weeks, Rutherford and Atwater: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-130-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PHYSICIANS AND PHARMACISTS TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (DHEC) FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM WHEN A PERSON IS ADMINISTERED AN OPIOID ANTIDOTE; TO AMEND SECTION 44-130-60, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF FIRST RESPONDERS TO ADMINISTER OPIOID ANTIDOTES, SO AS TO REQUIRE FIRST RESPONDERS TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INFORMATION TO DHEC FOR INCLUSION IN THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1640, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO MONITOR THE ADMINISTERING OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES BY FIRST RESPONDERS AND IN EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SETTINGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-1645, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PRACTITIONERS TO REVIEW A PATIENT'S CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIPTION HISTORY BEFORE PRESCRIBING A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, SO AS TO ALSO REQUIRE A REVIEW OF ANY INCIDENTS IN WHICH THE PATIENT HAS BEEN ADMINISTERED AN OPIOID ANTIDOTE BY A FIRST RESPONDER OR IN AN EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SETTING.

[H. 4603](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Bedingfield, Alexander, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Fry, Henderson, Hewitt, Huggins, Spires, West, Norrell, Weeks, Rutherford and Atwater: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-360, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIBING LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO LIMIT INITIAL PRESCRIPTIONS OF AN OPIOID MEDICATION FOR ACUTE PAIN MANAGEMENT OR POSTOPERATIVE PAIN MANAGEMENT TO A FIVE-DAY SUPPLY, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Rural Revitalization Act

[H. 4593](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Reps. Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Yow, Hosey, Williams, Clyburn, Bowers, Norrell, McKnight, Willis, Hayes and Ridgeway: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "RURAL REVITALIZATION ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO ALLOW A DEDUCTION FOR ALL INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT IN A TIER IV COUNTY, TO ALLOW THE DEDUCTION FOR FIVE YEARS, AND TO REQUIRE THE TAXPAYER TO RESIDE IN A TIER IV COUNTY.

State Government – Retirement System

[S. 854](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 9-1-1540, 9-9-65, AND 9-11-80, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN SERVICE ON THE DATE THE APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT IS FILED IF THE LAST DAY THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED IN THE SYSTEM OCCURRED NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR BEFORE THE DATE OF FILING.

Taxation

[S. 866](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senators Cromer, Scott, Reese, Verdin, J. Matthews and Nicholson: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT TAX CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GEOTHERMAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT SHALL BE REPEALED ON JANUARY 1, 2029.

[S. 881](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Kimpton: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220(c)(1), RELATING TO PARTICULAR CLASSIFICATIONS AND ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT TAXATION, TO PROVIDE THAT ACCOMMODATIONS FURNISHED TO TRANSIENTS FOR LESS THAN THIRTY CONSECUTIVE DAYS ON A SEPARATE PORTION OF THE PROPERTY ON WHICH A

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LEGAL RESIDENCE LOCATED SHALL BE ASSESSED AT A FOUR-PERCENT RATIO; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-70(1)(b), RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF "RETAILER" AND "SELLER" FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA SALES AND USE TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS EXCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL FURNISHING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A CONSIDERATION ON THE SAME PREMISES WHEN THE ACCOMMODATIONS FURNISHED CONTAIN LESS THAN SIX SLEEPING ROOMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-920(A), RELATING TO TAX ON ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRANSIENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX DOES NOT APPLY WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL FURNISHES SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS TO TRANSIENTS ON THE SAME PREMISES AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PLACE OF ABODE WHEN THE ACCOMMODATIONS FURNISHED TO TRANSIENTS CONTAIN LESS THAN SIX SLEEPING ROOMS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT THE GROSS PROCEEDS DERIVED FROM THE LEASE OR RENTAL OF SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS SUPPLIED TO THE SAME PERSON FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY CONTINUOUS DAYS ARE NOT CONSIDERED PROCEEDS FROM TRANSIENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220(c)(2)(iv), RELATING TO PARTICULAR CLASSIFICATIONS AND ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR COUNTY EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT TAXATION, TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT A RESIDENCE NOT RENTED FOR MORE THAN SEVENTY-TWO DAYS IN A CALENDAR YEAR WILL RETAIN ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FOUR-PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT INDIVIDUALS ENGAGING IN SHORT-TERM RENTALS MUST ALSO PROVIDE THE ASSESSOR WITH A SWORN AFFIDAVIT THAT HE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH A SHORT-TERM RENTAL ORDINANCE IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED, IF SUCH AN ORDINANCE EXISTS IN THE JURISDICTION TO QUALIFY FOR THE FOUR-PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO.

[S. 883](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX CREDITS, TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER WHO PURCHASES AND USES MOTOR FUEL FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO OPERATE A PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 56-3-630 IS ALLOWED A REFUNDABLE INCOME TAX CREDIT.

[S. 889](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Campbell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-10-330(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF BALLOT QUESTIONS UNDER THE CAPITAL PROJECT SALES TAX ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ORDINANCE MUST SPECIFY WHETHER THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX PROCEEDS WOULD INCLUDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, INFRASTRUCTURE, LAND PURCHASES, AND SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

[H. 4530](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ACQUIRES PROPERTY THAT WILL BE EXEMPT, THEN THE EXEMPTION TAKES EFFECT UPON THE QUALIFYING CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ACQUIRING THE PROPERTY.

Utility Reform

[S. 865](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240(C)(1)(m) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, TO REMOVE THE GOVERNOR'S ABILITY TO REQUIRE A DIRECTOR TO RESIGN FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY WITHOUT CAUSE FOR REMOVAL.

[S. 890](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES, SERVICES AND CARRIERS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 41, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF LOWEST-COST ENERGY FROM INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

[H. 4613](#) ([Word](#) version) -- Rep. Fry: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 33-49-415 SO AS TO PERMIT A JOINT MEMBERSHIP IN AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES.

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