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AGENDA

The House Judiciary Committee will meet on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 2:30 pm or 30 minutes after adjournment of the House, whichever is later, in Room 516** of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. *The Judiciary committee staff has attempted to contact the interested parties of all bills listed on the agenda for this meeting.*

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable with Amendment

H.4274 – Rep. W. Newton - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

CRIMINAL LAWS SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

H.3748 – Rep. Caskey - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION **16-11-680**, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Favorable with Amendment

H.4187 – Rep. J.E. Johnson - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [16-13-135](#), RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Favorable

H.4248 – Rep. Rose - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [61-4-50](#), RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION [61-6-4080](#), RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

FAMILY, BUSINESS, AND PROBATE LAW SUBCOMMITTEE

Favorable

H.4559 - Rep. Bernstein - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION [62-3-108](#), RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

Favorable with Amendment

H.5113 – Rep. Elliott - TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS [63-3-30](#) AND [63-15-230](#), BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.