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Amended Meeting Notice

To: Committee Members
From: Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman
Date: March 15, 2024
Subject: Committee Meeting

The Medical Affairs Committee will meet **Thursday, March 21 at 9:30 in Room 308.**

Amended Agenda

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1. STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
State Board of Pharmacy
May 19, 2023 – May 19, 2029
Seat: At Large, Public
Ms. Beverly L. Black
 2. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
State Board of Nursing
Term: December 31, 2021 – December 31, 2025
Seat: 4th Congressional District, Registered Nurse
Ms. Sallie Beth Todd
 3. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
SC Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
Term: June 9, 2022 – June 9, 2025
Seat: Hospital Administrator
Ms. E. Annette Schaper
 4. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
SC Board of Occupational Therapy
Term: September 30, 2023 – September 30, 2026
Seat: Occupational Therapist
Mrs. M. Rebecca T. Coleman

5. [S. 854](#) – Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44, RELATING TO POISONS, DRUGS, AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SAFER SYRINGE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE WHO MAY ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SAFER SYRINGE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE WHAT SERVICES THE PROGRAM MAY OFFER, AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PROGRAM EMPLOYEES, PARTICIPANTS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-130-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO ADD ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDING SAFER SYRINGE SERVICES TO THE DEFINITION OF COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTOR.
6. [H. 4486](#) – Reps. Burns, Long, Ott, Pope and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-655 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CREATE A PILOT PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN SEPTIC TANK INSTALLERS TO CONDUCT SEPTIC TANK FIELD EVALUATION TESTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.
7. [S. 975](#) – Senators Martin and Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-17-780 SO AS TO PROHIBIT BUSINESSES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, COLLEGES, SCHOOLS, AND EMPLOYERS FROM MANDATING THAT EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, STUDENTS, PATRONS, CUSTOMERS, CLIENTS, OR GUESTS MUST RECEIVE A NOVEL VACCINE OR GENE THERAPY; BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EMPLOYERS FROM TAKING ANY ADVERSE PRE-EMPLOYMENT OR EMPLOYMENT ACTION AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DECLINES TO RECEIVE A VACCINE OR GENE THERAPY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL A PRESCRIPTION DUE TO RELIGIOUS, MORAL, OR ETHICAL REASONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY NOT REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN ENFORCING ORDERS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-330, RELATING TO THE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS OR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT DHEC MAY PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE APPROVED PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS OR MEDICAL SUPPLIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-500, RELATING TO CONTROL AND TREATMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT DHEC MUST USE EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS TO PREVENT THE TRANSMISSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN CALLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS AND ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF PERSONS REFUSING EXAMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TESTS MUST BE FDA APPROVED FOR ACCURATE DETECTION OF THE BIOLOGICAL AGENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT DHEC MAY NOT ISOLATE AN INDIVIDUAL TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF A POSSIBLY CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, BUT ONLY A DISEASE KNOWN TO BE CONTAGIOUS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VACCINE MUST NOT BE A GENE THERAPY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AND PENALTY FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT DHEC MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH OR EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WAS DECLARED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-540, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REMOVE ISOLATION PARAMETERS;

AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT IN-STATE HEALTH PROVIDERS MUST ASSIST IN VACCINATIONS, TREATMENTS, AND EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE THE PROVISION THAT ANY EMERGENCY ASSISTANT MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM THEIR SERVICES.

8. [S. 855*](#) -- Senators Davis and Gustafson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTHCARE MARKET REFORM STUDY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND THE COMMITTEE'S AFFILIATED NONVOTING ADVISORY BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL STUDY WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THE ADOPTION OF VARIOUS MEASURES AFFECTING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE MEASURES, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO RETAIN A THIRD PARTY, INDEPENDENT, EXPERT CONSULTANT, OR CONSULTANTS TO ADVISE THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.
9. [S. 858*](#) – Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

**These items will be provisional, based upon their disposition at subcommittee, 3/20/24*

Any agenda items not concluded will be carried over to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee, 4/4/24.