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Meeting Notice

To: Subcommittee Members

Sen. Martin
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Sen. Tedder

Sen. Matthews
Sen. Leber

From: Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman

Date: February 17, 2026

Subject: Subcommittee Meeting

A subcommittee of the Medical Affairs Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 25 at 10:00 AM in Room 308.**

Agenda

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1. [S. 299](#) – Senators Gambrell and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-17-410, RELATING TO EMERGENCY ADMISSION TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HOSPITAL, MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, OR MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY OF A PERSON LIKELY TO CAUSE SERIOUS HARM TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATE IS VALID IF SAFE TRANSPORT IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER OR SOME OTHER LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-17-440, RELATING TO THE CUSTODY AND TRANSPORT OF A PERSON REQUIRING IMMEDIATE CARE, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TIME THE REQUIRED CERTIFICATE IS VALID IF SAFE TRANSPORT IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER OR SOME OTHER LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A FRIEND OR RELATIVE MAY TRANSPORT A MENTALLY ILL PATIENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL IMMUNITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
 2. [S. 862](#) – Senators Tedder and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-17-412 SO AS TO ALLOW PARENTS TO MAKE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE DECISIONS FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IF THE CHILD QUALIFIES AS A DEPENDENT ON AND IS COVERED BY THE PARENTS' HEALTH INSURANCE.

3. [S. 915](#) - Senators Garrett, Johnson, Adams, Bennett, Cash, Massey, Corbin, Turner, Blackmon, Kennedy, Stubbs, Reichenbach and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-60, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF FALSE CLAIMS, STATEMENTS, OR REPRESENTATION BY MEDICAL PROVIDERS, SO AS TO CREATE TIERED VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR THIS SECTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CONSENT AGREEMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR REPRESENTATION ON APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE, SO AS TO CREATE TIERED VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR THIS SECTION AND PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF CONSENT AGREEMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-90, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 43-7-60 TO 43-7-80, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE ADMINISTRATIVE SUBPOENAS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS.
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Public testimony will be received on items 2. and 3.; it was previously received on item 1. Those that desire to offer input may do so by:

- Speaking before the subcommittee. Please use the following link to register --

<https://forms.gle/SABo16DDcXxDHFVZ7>

There will also be a sign-in sheet at the meeting. All speakers should be prepared to limit remarks to three minutes.

- Sending written remarks to the subcommittee. This may be done electronically --

smedicomm@scsenate.gov (please use bill # in subject line)

or by mail:

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All registrations should be completed and all documents received by Monday, February 23 at 9:00 AM. If you have any further questions, please contact the committee office, (803) 212 - 6250.