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Meeting Notice

To: Committee Members
From: Senator Danny Verdin, Chairman
Date: May 2, 2026
Subject: Committee Meeting

The Medical Affairs Committee will meet on **Thursday, May 7 at 9:00 AM in Room 308.**

Agenda

1. STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT
Board of Podiatry Examiners
Term: 12/21/22 – 12/21/26
Seat: Upper District, Podiatrist
Dr. William Harris, IV
2. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Donate Life South Carolina
Term: 4/1/24 – 4/1/28
Seat: Lowcountry
Dr. Michael F. Cuenin
3. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Donate Life South Carolina
Term: 4/1/24 – 4/1/28
Seat: At-Large
Mr. Thomas F. Dougall
4. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
SC Panel for Dietetics
Term: 3/30/25 - 3/30/27
Seat: Hospital Employee
Ms. Maureen Elisabeth Finger

5. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
SC Panel for Dietetics
Term: 3/30/25 - 3/30/27
Seat: Dietician, Community or Public Health
Ms. Katherine L. Bernard
6. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
SC Board of Occupational Therapy
9/30/26 – 9/30/29
Seat: Occupational Therapist
Dr. Nadine Hanner
7. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Term: 6/1/26 – 6/1/30
Seat: Public
Michael Leonard
8. STATEWIDE REAPPOINTMENT
Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators
Term: 6/9/26 – 6/9/29
Seat: Residential Care Administrator
Edward G. Burton

Provisional Agenda Items – pending actions of subcommittee, 5/6

1. [S. 607](#) – Senators Jackson and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-230 SO AS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM COMPENSATION REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECT CARE WORKERS PROVIDING PERSONAL CARE SERVICES THROUGH MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PHASED IN UPWARD ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPENSATION PAID.
2. [S. 1158](#) – Senators Leber and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 140 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE GENETIC MODIFICATION OF HUMAN EMBRYOS TO ALTER THE BIOLOGICAL SEX OF A HUMAN EMBRYO, TO CREATE PENALTIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
3. [H. 4382](#) – Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-398, RELATING TO THE SALE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING EPHEDRINE OR PSEUDOEPHEDRINE; SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT MANUFACTURERS OF THESE PRODUCTS PAY MONTHLY FEES ASSOCIATED WITH DATA COLLECTION AND TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY.
4. [H. 4641](#) - Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Wooten, Oremus, Chapman, McCravy, B. Newton, Martin, White, Schuessler, Ford, Jordan, M.M. Smith, Robbins, Gatch, Duncan, Lastinger, Ligon, Hixon and Ballentine: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD KRATOM TO THE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES LISTED IN SCHEDULE I; AND BY REPEALING ARTICLE 20 OF CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.

Written remarks may be sent to the subcommittee. This may be done electronically --

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