SENATE TO MEET AT 11:40 A.M. TODAY

**NO. 28**

**CALENDAR**

OF THE

**SENATE**

OF THE

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

JOINT ASSEMBLY

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 12:00 Noon**

S. 416--Senators Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campbell, Campsen, Climer, Corbin, Courson, Cromer, Davis, Fanning, Gambrell, Goldfinch, Gregory, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kimpson, Leatherman, Malloy, Martin, Massey, J. Matthews, M.B. Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Nicholson, Peeler, Rankin, Reese, Rice, Sabb, Scott, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Sheheen, Talley, Timmons, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR WINNING THE 2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE, TO RECOGNIZE THE TEAM’S NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE SEASON, TO INVITE THE NUMBER ONE RANKED TIGERS AND CLEMSON OFFICIALS TO JOIN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT NOON ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017, WHEREBY COACH DABO SWINNEY IS INVITED TO ADDRESS THE JOINT SESSION, AND TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR DURING THE JOINT SESSION.

(Adopted--February 16, 2017)

INVITATIONS

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, Hall at Senate’s End, by the **CLEMSON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

(Accepted--January 31, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF PROBATE JUDGES**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **CAROLINA RECYCLING ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 6:00-8:30 P.M.**

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Capital City Club, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA SUMMARY COURT JUDGE’S ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Members of the Senate, Reception, The Palmetto Club, by the **GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS FOUNDATION**

(Accepted--February 24, 2017)

**Thursday, March 2, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by **THE HEARTLAND INSTITUTE**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, Carolina Haven, 807 Bluff Road, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA BEER WHOLESALERS ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, Columbia Museum of Art, **SC ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

(Accepted--February 23, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA LAND TRUST NETWORK**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Luncheon, State House Grounds, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 5:30-7:30 P.M.**

Members and staff, Reception, The Capital City Club, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, My Carolina Alumni Center, by the **SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Thursday, March 9, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **LEADERSHIP SOUTH CAROLINA**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.**

Members of the Senate, Reception, 701 Whaley St, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION COALITION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017 - 6:00-7:30 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, 1221 Main Street, by the **NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members of the Senate, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Luncheon, State House Grounds, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, Columbia Convention Center, by the **RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Thursday, March 23, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA FREE CLINIC ASSOCIATION**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Members of the Senate, Reception, Seawell’s, by the **HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF SC “ANNUAL BIRD SUPPER”**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 - 6:00- 8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, the Columbia Museum of Art, by the **FLORENCE COUNTY DAY**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **PMPA/ SCAMPS**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 12:00-2:00 P.M.**

Members of the Senate, Luncheon, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017 - 5:30-8:00 P.M.**

Members and Staff, Reception, Spirit Communications, by the **BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD OF SC “LEGISLATIVE SOFTBALL GAME AND PICNIC”**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

**Thursday, March 30, 2017 - 8:00-10:00 A.M.**

Members and Staff, Breakfast, Room 112, Blatt Building, by the **COALITION FOR ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE**

(Accepted--February 22, 2017)

MOTION PERIOD

BILL RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE

(Returned with Amendments)

S. 263--Senators Peeler, Malloy, Alexander, Grooms, Campbell, Turner, Corbin, Gambrell, Martin and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 140 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE “CLEMSON UNIVERSITY 2016 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

(Returned from the House--February 23, 2017)

SPECIAL ORDER

(Set for Special Order--February 23, 2017)

S. 394--Senators Sheheen, Jackson, Nicholson, Scott, Bennett and Gambrell: TO AMEND SECTION 9‑1‑1085, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM CONTRIBUTION RATES, TO CHANGE FUTURE CONTRIBUTION RATES AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ON AN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE; TO AMEND SECTION 9‑11‑225 TO CHANGE FUTURE CONTRIBUTION RATES AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNFUNDED LIABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM MUST BE ON AN AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE; TO AMEND SECTION 9‑16‑335 TO CHANGE THE ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN AND PROVIDE THAT THE ASSUMED RATE EXPIRES EVERY FOUR YEARS; TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURE, OPERATIONS, AND PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENT PLANS OF THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR AUDITS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC BENEFIT AUTHORITY AND THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 9‑1‑1310 TO CHANGE A TRUSTEE FROM THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 9‑1‑1320 TO CHANGE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE ASSETS FROM THE STATE TREASURER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PEBA; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 9‑4‑45, 9‑8‑170, 9‑9‑160, 9‑10‑80, AND 9‑11‑250. (Abbreviated Title)

(Read the first time--February 9, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--February 22, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Set for Special Order--February 23, 2017)

STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILL

S. 453--Medical Affairs Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO WIC VENDORS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4671, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--February 21, 2017)

(Read the second time--February 23, 2017)

(Ayes 39, Nays 0 -- February 23, 2017)

SECOND READING   
CONSENT CALENDAR

S. 160--Senators Malloy and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CORRECTIONS, JAILS, PROBATIONS, PAROLES, AND PARDONS, TO REESTABLISH THE SENTENCING REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 22, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 381--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑21‑2870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CIGARETTES FOUND NOT HAVING AFFIXED TO THE PACKAGE CERTAIN STAMPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CIGARETTES FOUND AT ANY POINT NOT HAVING AFFIXED TO THE PACKAGE CERTAIN STAMPS ARE CONSIDERED CONTRABAND.

(Read the first time--February 8, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--February 22, 2017)

(Favorable)

S. 411--Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-53-1410 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION, TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMISSION MEMBERS, AND TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS APPOINTED FROM KERSHAW COUNTY.

(Read the first time--February 14, 2017)

(Recalled from Committee on Education--February 22, 2017)

\*\*Indicates Subject to Rule 39

\*\*S. 78--Senators Alexander, Goldfinch and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25‑3‑220 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHO ARE COMMISSIONED OR ENLISTED FOR SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD MUST BE ENTITLED TO MILITARY LEAVE WITHOUT LOSS OF PAY, SENIORITY, OR EFFICIENCY RATING, WHEN ATTENDING STATE GUARD ENCAMPMENT OR SCHOOLS FOR TRAINING, UNDER PROPER AUTHORITY, AND ON ALL OTHER OCCASIONS WHEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN THE SERVICE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE STATE GUARD TO COMPLETE A MINIMUM OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY‑TWO HOURS OF TRAINING OR DRILL EACH YEAR IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE DEDUCTION; TO AMEND SECTION 25‑1‑635, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO LEGAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR GUARD MEMBERS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD JUDGE ADVOCATES TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES AND TO INCLUDE THEM WITHIN THE PERSONAL LIABILITY EXEMPTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 25‑3‑20 AND 25‑3‑130, BOTH RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR’S AUTHORITY TO CALL THE STATE GUARD INTO DUTY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO CALL THE STATE GUARD INTO DUTY AND TO PROVIDE THAT CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING A NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER, EMERGENCY, OR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MAY WARRANT CALLING THE STATE GUARD INTO SERVICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 25‑3‑140, RELATING TO PAY OF STATE GUARD MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STATE GUARD MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE A DAILY STIPEND OR PER DIEM PAY FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES, OR BOTH, IF APPROVED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by General Committee--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

\*\*S. 79--Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53‑3‑220 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JULY OF EACH YEAR AS “FIBROID TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH” AND RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT UTERINE FIBROID TUMORS HAVE ON WOMEN’S HEALTH.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by General Committee--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

\*\*S. 114--Senators Bennett and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTERS 4 AND 6, TITLE 61, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑4‑555 AND SECTION 61‑6‑2001, RELATING TO SPECIAL AND TEMPORARY PERMITS TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT CERTAIN EVENTS, SO AS TO ALLOW MANUFACTURERS OR PRODUCERS OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO DONATE THEIR PRODUCTS AND FURNISH EQUIPMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES TO DISPENSE AND PROMOTE THEIR BEVERAGES TO QUALIFIED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT INTEND TO SELL THESE PRODUCTS AT PERMITTED EVENTS ORGANIZED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSE.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 115--Senators Rankin and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 61, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ALCOHOL AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, BY ADDING CHAPTER 3, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF A MANDATORY ALCOHOL SERVER TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM; TO REQUIRE SERVERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IN LICENSED OR PERMITTED BUSINESSES TO OBTAIN ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR THE CURRICULA OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES; TO REQUIRE FEES FROM PROVIDERS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS AND FROM APPLICANTS FOR ALCOHOL SERVER CERTIFICATES TO COVER THE COSTS OF THE MANDATORY TRAINING AND ENFORCEMENT; TO REQUIRE COORDINATION AMONG THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THESE PROVISIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR FINES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THESE PROVISIONS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH, IMPLEMENT, AND ENFORCE THESE PROVISIONS.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 116--Senators Rankin and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑2‑145, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON PERMITTED OR LICENSED TO SELL BEER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS FOR ON‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION SHALL MAINTAIN LIABILITY INSURANCE WITH COVERAGE OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PERMIT OR LICENSE.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 213--Senators Peeler, Alexander and Scott: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL SCREENING AND ELECTION, SO AS TO CREATE THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCREENING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES TO STATE‑SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE, NOMINATION, AND ELECTION PROCESSES.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Education--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 262--Senator Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TEXTBOOK POLICY FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT IS INTENDED TO HELP MINIMIZE COLLEGE TEXTBOOK COSTS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTBOOK POLICIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(Read the first time--January 19, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Education--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 269--Senators Gambrell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM FUNDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DIVISION FROM TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(Read the first time--January 24, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

\*\*S. 275--Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61‑4‑1515, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BREWERIES, SAMPLES AND SALES FOR ON‑ AND OFF‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BREWERY BREWING AND SELLING BEER ON ITS LICENSED PREMISES IN THIS STATE MAY APPLY FOR A PERMIT TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK FOR CONSUMPTION WITHIN A SPECIFIED AREA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A BREWPUB MAY APPLY FOR A BREWERY PERMIT PROVIDED THAT IT SURRENDERS ITS BREWPUB PERMIT AT THE TIME THE BREWERY PERMIT IS ISSUED.

(Read the first time--January 24, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

\*\*S. 315--Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑470, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HURRICANE, EARTHQUAKE, AND FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE MITIGATION OF PROPERTY LOSSES DUE TO FLOOD; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑480, RELATING TO THE LOSS MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT GRANTS MAY BE MADE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO MITIGATE LOSSES AND PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROACTIVE HAZARD MITIGATION STRATEGIES AND TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TO ACCEPT GRANTS IN AID FOR THE MITIGATION OF LOSSES FOR ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑485, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CRITERIA THAT A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MUST MEET IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A NONMATCHING GRANT, TO PROHIBIT THE PROGRAM FROM ISSUING A GRANT FOR A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FROM EXCEEDING FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO ALLOW FOR MATCHING GRANT FUNDS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND NONPROFIT ENTITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH A FORMULA FOR DETERMINING NONMATCHING GRANT AWARDS BASED ON AN APPLICANT’S HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

(Read the first time--January 26, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

\*\*S. 340--Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-230 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA’S POET LAUREATE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA ARTS COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AND TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF OFFICE AND DUTIES.

(Read the first time--February 1, 2017)

(Reported by General Committee--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

\*\*H. 3488--Reps. Sandifer and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 55, TITLE 38 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURER TO DELIVER, STORE, OR PRESENT EVIDENCE OF INSURANCE COVERAGE BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET BEFORE A NOTICE OR DOCUMENT MAY BE DELIVERED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, TO REQUIRE THE PARTY TO VERIFY OR ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED NOTICE OR DOCUMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE THAT A WITHDRAWAL OF CONSENT DOES NOT AFFECT THE LEGAL EFFECTIVENESS, VALIDITY, OR ENFORCEABILITY OF THE NOTICE OR DOCUMENT, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO NOTIFY THE PARTY OF CERTAIN PRIVILEGES BEFORE SENDING ADDITIONAL NOTICES OR DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO CONSENT TO RECEIVE CERTAIN NOTICES OR DOCUMENTS, TO ALLOW FOR A PARTY TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN ELECTRONICALLY DELIVERED DOCUMENTS, TO PROTECT A PRODUCER FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR ANY HARM OR INJURY THAT OCCURS AS A RESULT OF A PARTY’S ELECTION TO RECEIVE A NOTICE OR DOCUMENT BY ELECTRONIC MEANS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(Read the first time--January 31, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

S. 137--Senators Campsen, Hembree, Climer, Young, Turner and Fanning: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023, OR UPON A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AFTER THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS AMENDMENT, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL PROVIDE BY LAW FOR THE DUTIES, COMPENSATION, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 24, 2017)

(Favorable)

(Contested by Senator Johnson)

S. 245--Senators Hutto and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑370, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DRUG OFFENSES, SO AS TO CONFORM THE LANGUAGE OF TRAFFICKING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS PROVISIONS, INCLUDING OPIATES AND HEROIN, TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING POSSESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN ILLEGAL DRUGS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE SYNTHETIC OPIATES, AMONG OTHER DRUGS.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--January 25, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Committee Amendment Tabled--February 23, 2017)

(Amended--February 23, 2017)

S. 254--Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE “OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 38 SO AS TO EXPRESS THE PURPOSE OF THIS ACT, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO MAINTAIN A RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER OR INSURANCE GROUP OF WHICH AN INSURER IS A MEMBER TO CONDUCT AN OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT (ORSA) ON NO LESS THAN AN ANNUAL BASIS, TO REQUIRE AN INSURER OR INSURANCE GROUP TO SUBMIT AN ORSA REPORT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE REPORT MUST CONTAIN, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REPORTING PROVISIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO ALLOW AN INSURER TO APPLY FOR A WAIVER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO ESTABLISH THAT THE ORSA REPORT BE PREPARED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE ORSA GUIDANCE MANUAL, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS AND INFORMATION CREATED UNDER THE OWN RISK AND SOLVENCY ASSESSMENT ACT ARE CONFIDENTIAL, TO PROHIBIT THE DIRECTOR OR ANYONE WHO RECEIVES ORSA‑RELATED INFORMATION FROM TESTIFYING IN A PRIVATE CIVIL ACTION CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, TO PERMIT THE DIRECTOR TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS CONCERNING HIS REGULATORY DUTIES, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR AN INSURER WHO FAILS TO FILE THE ORSA SUMMARY REPORT, AND TO SET AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑21‑10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINED TERMS FOR THE INSURANCE HOLDING COMPANY REGULATORY ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “SUPERVISORY COLLEGE.”

(Read the first time--January 12, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 9, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Committee Amendment Adopted--February 15, 2017)

S. 279--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO ENACT THE “APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGISTRATION ACT” BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 60, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION ACT, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE REGISTRATION FOR AN ENTITY ACTING AS AN APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY, TO SPECIFY REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDUCT OF APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 40‑60‑10(B), RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, TO PROVIDE FOR EIGHT MEMBERS TO INCLUDE ONE MEMBER REPRESENTING AN APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY; AND TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 60, TITLE 40 AS “REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES.

(Read the first time--January 24, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry--February 14, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 421--Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO GENERAL REGULATIONS; AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC PROPERTIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4686, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--February 15, 2017)

S. 422--Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO SEASONS, LIMITS, METHODS OF TAKE AND SPECIAL USE RESTRICTIONS ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4741, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--February 15, 2017)

S. 423--Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, RELATING TO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4721, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--February 15, 2017)

S. 105--Senators Rankin and Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1‑23‑600 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS IN CONTESTED CASES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT A STAY OF AN AGENCY ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THIRTY DAYS, RATHER THAN FOR AN UNDETERMINED TERM, OR UNTIL AN ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED REGARDING A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION; TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR STAYS CONCERNING THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AND PAYMENT OF FINES; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE COURT SHALL LIFT THE STAY FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN OR IF NO IRREPARABLE HARM WILL OCCUR AND ALSO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HEARING MUST BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS TO LIFT THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT MAY REQUIRE THE POSTING OF A BOND OR OTHER SUFFICIENT SECURITY; AND TO EXEMPT STATE AGENCIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO POST A BOND UNDER THIS SECTION.

(Read the first time--January 10, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 22, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator McElveen)

S. 351--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12‑6‑3790 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

(Read the first time--February 2, 2017)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--February 22, 2017)

(Favorable with amendments)

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

S. 311--Senators Shealy and McLeod: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2017, AS “EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY,   
  
  
  
MARCH 2, 2017, AS “EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

(Introduced--January 25, 2017)

(Recalled from Committee on Medical Affairs--February 23, 2017)

S. 383--Senator Alexander: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2017 AS EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK.

(Introduced--February 8, 2017)

(Recalled from Committee on Medical Affairs--February 23, 2017)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

H. 3457--Reps. Govan, J.E. Smith, Williams and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE MARCH 6, 2017, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DATE OF THE FINAL SIEGE AND FALL OF THE ALAMO FORTRESS IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AS “ALAMO DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO HONOR AND REMEMBER THE SEVEN BRAVE SOUTH CAROLINIANS, INCLUDING WILLIAM BARRET TRAVIS AND JAMES BUTLER BONHAM, WHO DIED IN THIS FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE.

(Introduced--January 12, 2017)

(Reported by General Committee--February 23, 2017)

(Favorable)

H. 3569--Reps. Alexander, Kirby and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 7 MILE ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 51 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH OLD RIVER ROAD “CORPORAL THOMAS WILLIAM SPEARS MEMORIAL ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

(Introduced--February 14, 2017)

(Recalled from Committee on Transportation--February 23, 2017)

H. 3671--Reps. Bernstein, Allison, Arrington, Bennett, Cobb‑Hunter, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Douglas, Erickson, Felder, Funderburk, Henderson, Henegan, Knight, Norrell, Parks, Robinson‑Simpson, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Anthony, Atkinson, Atwater, Bales, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bedingfield, Blackwell, Bowers, Bradley, Brown, Burns, Caskey, Chumley, Clary, Clemmons, Clyburn, Cogswell, Cole, Collins, Crosby, Daning, Delleney, Duckworth, Elliott, Finlay, Forrest, Forrester, Fry, Gagnon, Gilliard, Govan, Hamilton, Hardee, Hart, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hill, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Huggins, Jefferson, Johnson, Jordan, King, Kirby, Loftis, Long, Lowe, Lucas, Mack, Magnuson, Martin, McCoy, McCravy, McEachern, McKnight, Mitchell, D.C. Moss, V.S. Moss, Murphy, Neal, B. Newton, W. Newton, Norman, Ott, Pitts, Pope, Putnam, Quinn, Ridgeway, M. Rivers, S. Rivers, Rutherford, Ryhal, Sandifer, Simrill, G.M. Smith, G.R. Smith, J.E. Smith, Sottile, Spires, Stavrinakis, Stringer, Tallon, Taylor, Thigpen, Toole, Weeks, West, Wheeler, Whipper, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 26 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2017, AS “EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK” IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO COINCIDE WITH NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017, AS “EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS DAY” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

(Introduced--February 7, 2017)

(Recalled from Committee on Medical Affairs--February 23, 2017)

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