SENATE TO MEET AT 11:00 A.M. TODAY

 **NO. 40**

**CALENDAR**

OF THE

**SENATE**

OF THE

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021**

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

**UNCONTESTED LOCAL**

**SECOND READING BILL**

**S. 448--Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 379 OF 1959, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHESTER METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, SO AS TO ADD FOUR MEMBERS TO THE CHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTED BY THE CHESTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.**

(Without reference--January 12, 2021)

**MOTION PERIOD**

BILL RETURNED FROM THE HOUSE

(Senate Amendments Amended)

H. 3589--Reps. Allison, Lucas, M.M. Smith, Calhoon, Felder and Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59‑19‑350, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOLS OF CHOICE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN STATUTES AND REGULATIONS, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THESE SCHOOLS AS BEING SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION, TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY ESTABLISH MULTIPLE SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING AND RENEWING STATUS AS A SCHOOL OF INNOVATION.

(Returned from the House--March 17, 2021)

STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS

S. 456--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-90, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY AUTHORIZED TO REQUEST A STATE FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK MAY REQUEST A FEDERAL FINGERPRINT BACKGROUND CHECK, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, UPON REQUEST, MAY SUBMIT THE FINGERPRINTS COLLECTED BY AGENCIES AND INFORMATION RELATED TO THOSE PRINTS TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION’S NEXT GENERATION IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION MAY RETAIN COLLECTED FINGERPRINTS AND SEARCH ANY RETAINED FINGERPRINTS AT A LATER DATE PURSUANT TO AN APPROPRIATE INQUIRY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION MAY CHARGE A REASONABLE FEE FOR THE COLLECTION AND RETENTION OF FINGERPRINTS.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Committee Amendment Adopted--March 17, 2021)

(Read the second time--March 17, 2021)

(Ayes 45, Nays 0--March 17, 2021)

S. 631--Senators Talley and Campsen: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRONIC NOTARY PUBLIC ACT”; TO AMEND TITLE 26 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NOTARIES PUBLIC AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2, TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED, RESTRICTIONS ON THOSE ACTS, AND REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE THOSE ACTS, TO ESTABLISH MAXIMUM FEES, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC NOTARIES PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMINATION OF ELECTRONIC NOTARIES PUBLIC, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS TO CERTIFY AUTHENTICITY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--March 2, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Family and Veterans’ Services--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Committee Amendment Adopted--March 17, 2021)

(Read the second time--March 17, 2021)

(Ayes 45, Nays 0--March 17, 2021)

STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

S. 40--Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-29-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH ON-STREET PARKING FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT MUNICIPALITIES MAY NOT ESTABLISH OR ALTER PARKING FACILITIES ON ANY STATE HIGHWAY FACILITY WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-840 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ALTERATIONS BY A MUNICIPALITY OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE THAT RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES BY A MUNICIPALITY ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-845, TO PROVIDE THAT PARKING ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES LOCATED ON BARRIER ISLANDS IS FREE AND ANY RESTRICTIONS MAY ONLY BE MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-210 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE FINE FOR VIOLATIONS IS CALCULATED ON A PER-DAY BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-220 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT OBSTRUCTIONS ON ANY PORTION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY MUST BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE HIGHWAY; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Transportation--February 03, 2021)

(Favorable)

(Contested by Senators Bennett and Hutto)

S. 475--Senators Rankin, Grooms, Williams, Scott, Hembree, McElveen, Senn, Talley, Adams, Harpootlian, Hutto, Goldfinch, Matthews and Gambrell: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE NEXTERA ENERGY, INC. TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

(Read the first time--January 21, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--February 11, 2021)

(Favorable)

(Contested by Senator Massey)

S.  227 -- Senators Shealy, McElveen and Matthews: A BILL TO ENACT THE “MASSAGE THERAPY PRA CTICE ACT”.; TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MASSAGE THERAPY PRACTICE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY. (Abbreviated Title)

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry--February 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Committee Amendment Adopted--February 24, 2021)

(Amended--March 10, 2021)

S. 376--Senators Talley, Hembree and Setzler: A BILL TO ENACT THE “STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION EFFICIENCY ACT”; TO AMEND TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EDUCATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 157, TO ALLOW THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH BY RESOLUTION AN AUXILIARY DIVISION AS PART OF THE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE AUXILIARY DIVISION IS EXEMPT FROM VARIOUS STATE LAWS, TO REQUIRE THAT CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THAT A BOARD OF TRUSTEES MAY ADOPT FOR AN AUXILIARY DIVISION A PROCUREMENT POLICY, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 8‑11‑260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYEES OF CERTAIN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES AND NON-RESEARCH, FOUR‑YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE EXEMPT; TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-710(A)(6) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY MAY EXEMPT PRIVATE GIFTS, AUXILIARY DIVISIONS, AND OTHER SALES AND SERVICES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Education--February 24, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Leatherman)

H. 3585--Reps. Sandifer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑61‑80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR AN INSURER TO CANCEL, NONRENEW, OR TERMINATE ALL OR SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF AN ENTIRE LINE OR CLASS OF BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 38‑77‑400 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO PROVIDE A LISTING OF UNDERWRITING RESTRICTIONS UPON THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑13‑30, RELATING TO ORDERS RESULTING FROM EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SERVE AN ORDER UPON THE INSURER BY ELECTRONIC MAIL; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑53‑110, RELATING TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑71‑340, RELATING TO REQUIRED POLICY PROVISIONS, SO AS TO ADD A TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE CANCELLATION OF POLICIES, SO AS TO DISTINGUISH THE CANCELLATION PROVISIONS FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INSURANCE POLICIES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑740, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON THE NONRENEWAL OF POLICIES, SO AS TO REMOVE SPECIFIC DEADLINES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑1160, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT PRIOR TO CANCELLATION OR REFUSAL TO RENEW, SO AS TO REMOVE SPECIFIC DEADLINES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑75‑1240, RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF UNDERWRITING RESTRICTIONS BASED UPON GEOGRAPHY, SO AS TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO PROVIDE A LIST OF UNDERWRITING RESTRICTIONS ONLY UPON THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR REGARDLESS OF GEOGRAPHY.

(Read the first time--February 3, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 25, 2021)

(Favorable)

H. 3586--Reps. Sandifer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE FRAUD DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑530, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE SECOND INJURY FUND AND ADD A SEPARATE DEFINITION FOR “UNDESERVED ECONOMIC BENEFIT OR ADVANTAGE”; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑550, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES PAID TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑560, RELATING TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS AND INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 38‑55‑590, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 42‑9‑440, RELATING TO THE WORKERS’ COMPENSATION COMMISSION’S REQUIREMENT TO REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(Read the first time--February 4, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 25, 2021)

(Favorable)

(Contested by Senator Malloy)

H. 3587--Reps. Sandifer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38‑77‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF “REDUCTION IN COVERAGE”, SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN INSURER FROM TREATING A CORRECTION OF A TYPOGRAPHICAL OR SCRIVENER’S ERROR AS A REDUCTION IN COVERAGE AND TO AMEND SECTION 38‑77‑120, RELATING TO NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR CANCELLATION OR THE REFUSAL TO REVIEW A POLICY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(Read the first time--February 3, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Banking and Insurance--February 25, 2021)

(Favorable)

S. 649--Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION-BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS, RELATING TO BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5012, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--March 09, 2021)

(Contested by Senator Campsen)

S. 28--Senators Hutto, K. Johnson, Climer, McLeod and Stephens: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑286 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT OR DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY‑ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES AND HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, TO ALLOW A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY‑ONE WHO IS SERVING A SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF A LICENSE OR PERMIT TO ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑385(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF A PERMANENTLY REVOKED DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO LIMIT ITS APPLICATION TO OFFENSES OCCURRING PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 2014; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑400 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SURRENDER OF A LICENSE AND ENDORSING SUSPENSION AND IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ON A LICENSE, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON SEEKING TO HAVE A LICENSE ISSUED MUST FIRST PROVIDE PROOF THAT ANY FINE OWED HAS BEEN PAID, AND TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE HABITUAL OFFENDER STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑1090(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUESTS FOR RESTORATION OF THE PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO ALLOW A PERSON CLASSIFIED AS A HABITUAL OFFENDER TO OBTAIN A DRIVER’S LICENSE WITH AN INTERLOCK RESTRICTION IF HE PARTICIPATES IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑1320(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROVISIONAL DRIVERS’ LICENSES, TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONAL LICENSES FOR FIRST OFFENSE DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE UNLESS THE OFFENSE OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑1340 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES AND CONVICTIONS TO BE RECORDED, TO CONFORM INTERNAL STATUTORY REFERENCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2941 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE HABITUAL OFFENDER STATUTE, REMOVE EXCEPTIONS TO IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES FOR OFFENDERS WHO ARE NONRESIDENTS AND FIRST‑TIME OFFENDERS OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHO DID NOT REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO CHEMICAL TESTS AND HAD AN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF FIFTEEN ONE-HUNDREDTHS OF ONE PERCENT OR MORE, REQUIRE DEVICE MANUFACTURERS PAY CERTIFICATION FEES ASSOCIATED WITH IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES, PERMIT THOSE DRIVERS WITH PERMANENTLY REVOKED LICENSES AFTER OCTOBER 2014 TO SEEK RELIEF AFTER FIVE YEARS, AND MAKE THE RECORDS OF THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICES THE RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2951 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES, TO REQUIRE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE RESTRICTION ON A TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSE AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROUTE‑RESTRICTED LICENSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑2990 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUSPENSION OF A CONVICTED PERSON’S DRIVER’S LICENSE AND THE PERIOD OF SUSPENSION, TO REQUIRE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE IF A FIRST‑TIME OFFENDER OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SEEKS TO END A SUSPENSION.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable)

S. 94--Senators Malloy and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 42‑1‑160 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO INJURY AND PERSONAL INJURY IN WORKERS’ COMPENSATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A LIMITATION ON STRESS, MENTAL INJURIES, AND MENTAL ILLNESS FOR WORKERS’ COMPENSATION DOES NOT APPLY TO A FIRST RESPONDER DIAGNOSED WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Judiciary--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Turner)

S. 243--Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑940(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO AUTHORIZED USES OF UNFOUNDED CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS, TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD FATALITIES OR NEAR FATALITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑1990(H) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND RELEASE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RECORDS, TO AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT CHILD

FATALITIES OR NEAR FATALITIES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Family and Veterans’ Services--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 425--Senators Alexander and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DUTIES AND PROCEDURES OF INVESTIGATIVE ENTITIES CONCERNING ADULT PROTECTION, BY ADDING SECTION 43‑35‑87, TO AUTHORIZE BANKING INSTITUTIONS TO DECLINE CERTAIN FINANCIAL TRANSACTION REQUESTS IN CASES OF THE SUSPECTED FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF A VULNERABLE ADULT, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Family and Veterans’ Services--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Gambrell)

S. 628--Senator Davis: A BILL TO ENACT THE “PHARMACY ACCESS ACT”; TO AMEND CHAPTER 43, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, BY ADDING SECTIONS 40-43-210 THROUGH 40-43-280, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT DOES NOT CREATE A DUTY OF CARE FOR A PERSON WHO PRESCRIBES OR DISPENSES A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR ADMINISTERS AN INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PHARMACISTS MAY DISPENSE A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR ADMINISTER AN INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE PURSUANT TO A STANDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER, TO PROVIDE A JOINT PROTOCOL FOR DISPENSING A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR ADMINISTERING AN INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE WITHOUT A PATIENT‑SPECIFIC WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR A PHARMACIST DISPENSING A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR ADMINISTERING AN INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE, TO IMPOSE REQUIREMENTS ON A PHARMACIST WHO DISPENSES A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR ADMINISTERS AN INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PRESCRIBER WHO ISSUES A STANDING PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER FOR A SELF‑ADMINISTERED HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE OR INJECTABLE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY CIVIL DAMAGES FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS RESULTING FROM THE DISPENSING OR ADMINISTERING OF THE CONTRACEPTIVE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE, ADMINISTER, INJECT, OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE HORMONAL CONTRACEPTIVES; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-115, TO PROVIDE FOR PHARMACIST SERVICES COVERED UNDER MEDICAID; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--March 02, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Medical Affairs--March 10, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Cromer)

S. 202--Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-6-10(1) AND (5) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Education--March 11, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Hutto)

S. 615--Senators Young and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59‑63‑100 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE LIMITED SITUATIONS IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE SPORTS OFFERED AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

(Read the first time--February 25, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Education--March 11, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator Fanning)

S. 661--Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5004, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--March 11, 2021)

S. 662--Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5005, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--March 11, 2021)

S. 663--Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5006, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

(Without reference--March 11, 2021)

H. 3071--Reps. Ott, Ligon, Taylor, Bryant, Cobb‑Hunter, Haddon, Forrest and Thayer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE “EQUINE INDUSTRY SUPPORT MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE” TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL FOR FURTHER GROWTH OF THE EQUINE INDUSTRY IN THIS STATE AND THE RESULTING ECONOMIC IMPACT.

(Read the first time--February 3, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources--March 16, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 154--Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 54, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TAXES LEVIED AND ASSESSED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, BY ADDING SECTION 12-54-20, TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER THAT PREVAILS IN AN ACTION OR PROCEEDING TO RECOVER A TAX OR PENALTY IS ENTITLED TO REASONABLE ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH DEFENDING THE ACTION OR PROCEEDING.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 195--Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑37‑2650, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS AND THE DELEGATION OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TAX NOTICE MUST SET FORTH THE FAIR MARKET VALUE USED FOR THE VEHICLE.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 401--Senators Gustafson, Hembree and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

(Read the first time--January 12, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 461--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO ENACT THE “SOUTH CAROLINA PAY FOR SUCCESS PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT”; TO AMEND TITLE 11 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 60, TO ESTABLISH THE TRUST FUND FOR PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY TO FUND PAY‑FOR‑SUCCESS CONTRACTS, WHEREBY THE STATE CONTRACTS WITH A PRIVATE‑SECTOR ORGANIZATION TO ACHIEVE SPECIFICALLY DEFINED MEASUREABLE OUTCOMES IN WHICH THE STATE PAYS ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE DESIRED OUTCOMES ARE ACHIEVED.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable)

S. 463--Senators Alexander, Cromer, Grooms, Scott and Loftis: A BILL TO DELETE SECTION 2.B. OF ACT 134 OF 2016, RELATING TO THE EXPIRATION OF TAX CREDITS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GEOTHERMAL MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

(Read the first time--January 13, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

S. 527--Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑43‑220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO DEFINE “LEGALLY SEPARATED” FOR PURPOSES OF THE CERTIFICATE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION FOR THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR OWNER‑OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REAPPLICATION AND RECERTIFICATION TO MAINTAIN THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT

ASSESSMENT RATIO FOR CERTAIN SEPARATED SPOUSES.

(Read the first time--February 4, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable)

S. 556--Senators Goldfinch and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑11‑107 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 11, TITLE 50; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑450, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL FUR LICENSES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR PERSONS WHO TRAP FUR‑BEARING ANIMALS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2200, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON TRAPPING; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2400, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LIMIT THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “COMMERCIAL PURPOSES” TO FUR‑BEARING ANIMALS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2430, RELATING TO THE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP OR PERMISSION TO SET TRAPS ON LAND, SO AS TO LIMIT THE USE OF TRAPS ON PRIVATE LAND TO THE OWNER OR HIS AGENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2445, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF TRAPPED WILDLIFE, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO A DESIGNEE AND INSERT THE TERM “AGENT”; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2450, RELATING TO REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL FUR LICENSEES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO A REPEALED CODE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2460, RELATING TO TRAPS ALLOWED FOR TRAPPING, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONLY CERTAIN INFORMATION TO BE ON TRAPS ON PUBLIC LAND; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2515, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PENALTY FOR CERTAIN ACTS; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2540, RELATING TO TRAPPING SEASON, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TRAPPING SEASONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROHIBITIONS ON TRAPPING COYOTES; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2565, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 12, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE; TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑2570, RELATING TO SPECIAL PERMITS TO CAPTURE DESTRUCTIVE WILDLIFE, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROPERTY OWNER OR HIS AGENT TO TAKE FUR‑BEARING ANIMALS OR SQUIRRELS FOR AGRICULTURAL OR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR PERMIT AND TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON THE COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL OF A FUR‑BEARING ANIMAL TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DEPREDATION PERMIT; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 50‑11‑2560 RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 12.

(Read the first time--February 17, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

(Contested by Senator McElveen)

S. 627--Senators Bennett, Adams, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Davis, Turner, Campsen, Hembree, Alexander, Williams, Cromer, McElveen, Loftis, Climer, Talley, Rice, Garrett, Rankin and Leatherman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑545, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS‑THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME, SO AS TO CREATE AN ELECTION TO TAX PARTNERSHIPS AND “S” CORPORATIONS AT THE ENTITY LEVEL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12‑6‑3400, RELATING TO CREDIT FOR INCOME TAX PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS TO ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN ELECTING PASS‑THROUGH BUSINESS ENTITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT.

(Read the first time--March 2, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

H. 3059--Reps. Hixon, Forrest and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 17, TITLE

51 RELATING TO THE HERITAGE TRUST REVENUE BONDS.

(Read the first time--February 3, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable)

H. 3549--Reps. Ott, Kirby, Bryant and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO OFFER A LICENSE, PERMIT, OR TAG MADE OF A DURABLE MATERIAL AND TO ESTABLISH A FEE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑9‑50, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A PERSON HUNTING OR FISHING TO DISPLAY THEIR LICENSE, PERMIT, OR STAMP ELECTRONICALLY.

(Read the first time--February 24, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

H. 3684--Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑5‑1713 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITS FOR COBIA CAUGHT IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE AND PROHIBIT THE TAKING OR POSSESSION OF COBIA WHEN FEDERAL REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR THE CLOSURE OF A RECREATIONAL OR COMMERCIAL COBIA FISHERY IN THE WATERS OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50‑5‑2730, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION FOR COBIA.

(Read the first time--February 24, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable)

H. 3770--Reps. G.M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Weeks, Hewitt, Wheeler, Erickson, Bradley, W. Newton and Dillard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FUNDS MUST BE DISTRIBUTED.

(Read the first time--March 9, 2021)

(Reported by Committee on Finance--March 17, 2021)

(Favorable with amendments)

H. 3925--Reps. Allison, Trantham, Felder, Simrill, Ligon, Collins, Calhoon, Huggins, McCabe and Pope: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO WAIVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF SECTION 59‑63‑100 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON HOMESCHOOL STUDENT ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC SCHOOL INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2021‑2022 AND 2022‑2023 SCHOOL YEARS.

(Recalled from Committee on Education--March 17, 2021)

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

S. 569--Senator Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 RIVERS AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH MALL DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCMILLAN AVENUE IN CHARLESTON COUNTY “ROBERT ANTHONY ‘TONY’ WAY ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

(Recalled from Committee on Transportation--March 17, 2021)

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