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of the
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA



REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk Jr. as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 17: “Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.”

Let us pray. You have shown Your love to these Representatives and Staff and lead them in the right direction in doing the will of the people of South Carolina. Continue Your power over us as we seek to do Your will. Lord God, help us cast our anxieties on You, knowing You care for us. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders who keep us safe. Remember O Lord our World, Nation, President, State, Governor Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bless and look in favor upon our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., which was agreed to.

In Memory of Mr. Ernest Ward Avinger Jr.

Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., 57, of Holly Hill, South Carolina, husband of Alice West Avinger, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025, with his family by his side.

Ward was born in Charleston, South Carolina to Doris June Rickenbacker and Ernest W. “Buddy” Avinger. He was a 1986 graduate of Holly Hill Academy, a 1990 graduate of The Citadel, and a 1991 graduate of Gupton-Jones College of Funeral Service. Ward was an active member of Holly Hill Methodist Church and a current board

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member of Farmers and Merchants Bank of South Carolina. He was the former owner and manager of Avinger Funeral Home.

Rep. Mark Smith

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

April 1, 2025

The Honorable Jackie E. "Coach" Hayes
South Carolina House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Jackie:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the House Rules Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith Jr.
Speaker of the House

Received as information.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5342

Agency: Department of Public Health

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.

Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14, 2025

Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5347

Agency: Department of Public Health

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 et seq.

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Standards for Licensing Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals
with Intellectual Disabilities

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 14,
2025

Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and
Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration January 18, 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4309 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO
AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE
AMERICAN BOARD OF TRIAL ADVOCATES TO USE THE
CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS MEETING ON FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025; HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE
USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE IS IN SESSION OR
THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by
this resolution, authorize the South Carolina Chapter of the American
Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTASC) to use the chamber of the South
Carolina House of Representatives for its meeting on Friday, September
19, 2025; however, the chamber may not be used if the House of
Representatives is in session or the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the State House security forces shall provide
assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with
previous procedures.

Be it further resolved that no charges may be made for the use of the
House chamber by ABOTASC on these dates.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4310 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER, WRITER, AND RECORDING ARTIST RUDY CURRENCE, TO CONGRATULATE THIS ROCK HILL NATIVE ON HIS MANY PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4311 -- Reps. Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROCK HILL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 4312 -- Reps. Hartnett, Brewer, Bustos, Gatch, Gilliard, Hewitt, Landing, J. Moore, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Waters, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Terribile, Vaughan, Weeks, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEDNEY MAIN HOWE III OF CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4313 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson,

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Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION WELCOMING CHI ETA PHI SORORITY TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A SUCCESSFUL SEVENTY-FIRST SOUTHEAST REGIONAL CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 12-16, 2025, IN HILTON HEAD ISLAND, AND TO THANK THE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED NURSES WHO ATTENDED FOR THEIR SERVICE TO HUMANITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4314 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 11 THROUGH MAY 17, 2025, AS "POLICE WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

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OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4315 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY COED BOWLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR ANOTHER REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4316 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley,

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Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CARMELLA TRONCO MARTIN OF COLUMBIA AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4317 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire,

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Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WILSON HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC CHALLENGE TEAM, ADVISORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR PURSUING RIGOROUS ACADEMIC TRAINING, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE DIVISION 1 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP OF ACADEMICS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4318 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4319 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DEXTER EASLEY, PASTOR AND FOUNDER OF NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEP APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BERKELEY COUNTY COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4320 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

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King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND TO DECLARE AUGUST 1, 2025, AS "CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 SHERILLE WASHINGTON-BELL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4321 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SADIE GAMBLE, ELLAFAIR DURANT, RAILYN JOYNER, AND KAYDEN CRISANTI, FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY, ON WINNING THE 2025 CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY BLACK WATER

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ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE AND THE ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4322 -- Rep. Rose: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 26/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 BRIDGE THAT CROSSES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "SOLOMON-GIBBONS MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4323 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

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CHESTERFIELD COUNTY DEPUTY MATTHEW REDFEARN OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

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Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SCHUESSLER a leave of absence for the day to attend a funeral out of state.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. T. MOORE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MAY a temporary leave of absence.

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DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Miles Scott of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 2-A 2024 SCISA Football State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2024 SCISA Girls Varsity Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2024 SCISA Softball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3011
Date:	ADD:
04/09/25	GUFFEY

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3095
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 RANKIN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3108
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 MCDANIEL

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3127
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 CROMER and GILREATH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3163
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 GUFFEY and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3201
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 GOVAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3276
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 HARTNETT

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3490
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 WATERS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3535
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 YOW and MITCHELL

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3638
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3858
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 MOSS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3930
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3931
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3934
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 TERRIBILE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3943
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 DAVIS, LAWSON, M. M. SMITH, HOLMAN,
WILLIAMS, GILLIAM, NEESE, BREWER, KIRBY,
RIVERS and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3948
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 WILLIS

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3974
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 GUFFEY and MCGINNIS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3996
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4123
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4260
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 TEEPLE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4292
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 MONTGOMERY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4303
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 HOSEY

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 4306
Date: ADD:
04/09/25 MONTGOMERY and HUFF

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 3276
Date: REMOVE:
04/09/25 GILLIARD and RIVERS

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CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 4103
Date: REMOVE:
04/09/25 BURNS

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 384 -- Senator Corbin: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF ACT 108 OF 2021 TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY IN GREENVILLE COUNTY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF CLUSTER SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN THE BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3856 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND

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MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "CERTIFIED" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "NORMAL."

H. 3768 -- Reps. Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Schuessler and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATING TO HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE SUNSET EXPIRATION PROVISION TO JULY 1, 2031.

H. 3801 -- Reps. Erickson, Willis and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-35-710, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO ADD PLANNING FOR REPAIRS TO BRIDGES, HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS ON THE STATE'S RIGHTS OF WAY TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTIONS AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS.

H. 3863 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, Rivers, Henderson-Myers, Waters and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM

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OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

H. 3578 -- Reps. Rivers, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Cobb-Hunter, Atkinson, McDaniel, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Waters, Garvin, Williams and Reese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

H. 3831 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, Sessions, T. Moore, McCravy, Guffey, Chapman, M. M. Smith, Gagnon, Martin, Moss, Duncan, Sanders, Grant, Howard, Bauer, Pedalino, Robbins, Schuessler, Rivers and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

H. 3285 -- Reps. Landing, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Cobb-Hunter, Henderson-Myers, Hartnett, Bustos, J. L. Johnson, Teeple, Wickensimer, M. M. Smith, Davis, Holman, Waters, Rivers and

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Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-57 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

H. 3569 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Davis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

H. 4160 -- Reps. W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Jordan, Caskey, Bannister, Pope, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-5-610, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF THE STATE INTO SIXTEEN JUDICIAL CIRCUITS, THE NUMBER OF JUDGES TO BE ELECTED FROM EACH CIRCUIT, AND THE ELECTION OF AT-LARGE JUDGES WITHOUT REGARD TO COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE, SO AS TO CONVERT FIVE AT-LARGE CIRCUIT COURT SEATS TO RESIDENT SEATS IN THE THIRD, SEVENTH, NINTH, ELEVENTH, AND TWELFTH CIRCUITS.

H. 3841 -- Reps. Hewitt, B. Newton, Yow, Hardee, Bailey, M. M. Smith, Teeple, Kirby, Bustos, Landing, Brewer, Hartnett, Lawson, Davis, Murphy and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, PROPERTY RECEIVING THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO SHALL CONTINUE AT FOUR PERCENT WHEN THE OWNER DIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-460 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

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PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO APPLY WHEN THE OWNER DIES.

H. 3869 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 291 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Bennett and Cromer: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 HAVING BEEN ENACTED, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

H. 3201--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

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Rep. BRADLEY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 3058--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3058 -- Reps. Wooten, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Taylor, Cobb-Hunter, Govan, Erickson, Bradley and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-330 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS FOR THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-332 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATING INTIMATE IMAGES OR DIGITALLY FORGED INTIMATE IMAGES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONSENT, TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

S. 126--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE

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OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

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H. 3333--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3333 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-210, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF OBLIGATIONS FOR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT BY MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS MUST BE ISSUED.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Grant	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins

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Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Gilreath	Harris	Huff
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Morgan	Terrible
White		

Total--16

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 9, 2025
The Honorable House Murrell Smith Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3333 by adding Chapter 56 to Title 46 by amending section 31-12-30, relating to redevelopment of federal military installations definitions, so as to provide that a redevelopment project includes certain affordable housing projects; and by amending section 31-12-210, relating to issuance of obligations for redevelopment project by municipality, so as to provide when certain obligations must be issued, among other things, out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace

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H. 3910--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3910 -- Reps. Davis, G. M. Smith and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-150 AND 63-3-510, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OVER CERTAIN LANDS RELINQUISHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE EXCLUSIVE ORIGINAL JURISDICTION OF THE FAMILY COURT, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CONCURRENT JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN CERTAIN MATTERS INVOLVING JUVENILES WITHIN A MILITARY INSTALLATION.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin

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May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3910. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Beach

S. 218--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

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S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

S. 2--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 2 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Davis, Devine, Garrett, Turner, Jackson and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REMOVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, ALL EMPLOYEES WHO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR FOR EACH OF THE

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COMPONENT OFFICES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY, RELATED DISABILITIES, HEAD INJURIES, AND SPINAL CORD INJURIES ACT, SO AS TO CONFORM THE DEFINITIONS TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND TO REDESIGNATE THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS AS THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS A COMPONENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-210, RELATING TO CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, REMOVAL, AND VACANCIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMISSION AND CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-220, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION TO THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-230, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-240, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE OFFICE OF INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-255, RELATING TO OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY CONFIRMED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, SO AS TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT AND CONFORM TO THE

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CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-49-20, RELATING TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CONFORM TO THE CREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND CREATE THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH, PROVIDE FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE, AND PROVIDE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-20, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES FROM THE FORMER MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER TRANSFER THOSE POWERS, DUTIES, RECORDS, AND FILES TO THE OFFICE OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-9-30, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-420, RELATING TO PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS THROUGH WHICH DECLARATIONS OF EMERGENCY MAY BE LIFTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO FACILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PHARMACIST MAY REFUSE TO FILL OR REFILL A PRESCRIPTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-1-100, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE FROM PEACE AND HEALTH OFFICERS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO GIVE SHERIFFS AND POLICE OFFICERS THE DISCRETION AS TO WHETHER TO AID AND ASSIST THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN CARRYING OUT HIS ORDERS DURING A STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-130, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, SO AS TO ADD NECESSARY DEFINITIONS AND AMEND CERTAIN

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DEFINITIONS TO REFLECT CHANGES IN AGENCY NAMES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-510, RELATING TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OR TESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE, PURSUANT TO THE SECTIONS OF THIS ACT AND ITS EXISTING POWERS UNDER SECTION 44-1-140, ANY SYMPTOMATIC PERSON OR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE FOR WHICH THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY HAS BEEN DECLARED WHOSE REFUSAL OF PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OR TESTING RESULTS IN UNCERTAINTY REGARDING WHETHER HE IS INFECTED WITH THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-520, RELATING TO VACCINATIONS AND TREATMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MAY VACCINATE OR TREAT PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, TO REQUIRE INFORMED CONSENT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO DEFINE INFORMED CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-530, RELATING TO ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, DURING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH 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 REQUIRE A HARD DEADLINE FOR A PETITION FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISOLATION OR QUARANTINE OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-4-570, RELATING TO EMERGENCY POWERS REGARDING LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT STATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS MAY BE COMPELLED TO ASSIST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF VACCINATION, TREATMENT, EXAMINATION, OR TESTING AS A CONDITION OF LICENSURE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 44-9-40 RELATING TO THE STATE DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL, POWERS AND DUTIES, AND QUALIFICATIONS.

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The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 2 (LC-2.VR0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 12

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Section 44-12-10. For the purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Director" means the head of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(3) "Office" or "component office" means any one or more of the component offices or divisions that comprise the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(4) "Office director" means a person, appointed by the department director, to serve as the head of a component office. An office director shall answer directly to the oversight of the department director.

Section 44-12-20. There is created within the executive branch of the state government an agency to be known as the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The department shall be organized as provided in this chapter and shall have the duties, functions, and powers provided for in this chapter and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 44-12-30. The department shall be headed by a director who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The director may be removed from office as provided in Section 1-3-240(B).

Section 44-12-40. In performing his duties as authorized by this chapter, the director:

(1) shall develop and execute a cohesive and comprehensive plan for services provided by the component offices housed within the department;

(2) shall develop the budget for the department, including the component offices, to reflect the priorities of its comprehensive service plan;

(3) shall procure collaboration technology that enables coordination and accountability across the department and with local partners. At a minimum, the technology should have the capability for authorized users to:

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(a) securely access relevant information regarding the needs and care journey of individuals served;

(b) communicate bidirectionally with referring organizations using a secure chat feature; and

(c) send referrals on behalf of the individual, track and store the outcome of that referral, and track and store the outcome of services delivered within a single client record using an unique identifier;

(4) shall, subject to applicable federal law, require data sharing to the fullest extent possible among the component offices and necessary state agencies;

(5) shall consolidate administrative services among the component offices that include, but are not limited to:

(a) financial and accounting support, such as accounts payable and receivable processing, procurement processing, journal entry processing, and financial reporting assistance;

(b) human resources administrative support, such as transaction processing and reporting, payroll processing, and human resources training;

(c) budget support, such as budget transaction processing and budget reporting assistance; and

(d) information technology;

(6) shall, with regard to information technology, ensure that the department and the component offices comply with all plans, policies, and directives of the Department of Administration;

(7) may employ such persons as he determines are necessary to carry out the department's duties, functions, and powers;

(8) may enter into contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, and private organizations or individuals that the director determines would be beneficial to carrying out the department's duties, functions, and powers; and

(9) shall, pursuant to Sections 1-1-810 and 1-1-820 of the S.C. Code, provide to the Governor and General Assembly, an annual accountability report containing the agency's or department's mission, objectives to accomplish the mission, and performance measures that show the degree to which objectives are being met. Through the calendar year 2028, and to the extent permitted by applicable state and federal laws, the department's annual accountability report shall include a review of efforts to maximize efficiency and identify any duplicative services, develop a plan to consolidate or coordinate identified duplicative programs and to eliminate redundancy, while ensuring that the quality, accessibility, and specialization of services are preserved or

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enhanced.

Section 44-12-50. (A) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall consist of the following component offices:

- (1) the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities;
- (2) the Office of Mental Health; and
- (3) the Office of Substance Use Services.

(B)(1) Each component office shall be headed by an office director who shall be appointed by the department's director. Office directors shall serve at the pleasure of the department director.

(2) The director may, to the extent authorized through the annual appropriations act or relevant permanent law, organize the administration of the department, including the assignment of personnel to the component offices, as is necessary to carry out the department's duties.

Section 44-12-60. The component offices shall carry out their duties, functions, and powers as provided in their respective enabling statutes and as otherwise provided by laws subject to the management decisions, policy development, and standards established of and by the department director as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 1-30-10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There are hereby created, within the executive branch of the state government, the following departments:

1. Department of Administration
2. Department of Agriculture
3. ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
4. Department of Commerce
5. Department of Corrections
- ~~6. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~
- ~~7.~~ 6. Department of Education
- ~~8.~~ 7. Department of Public Health
- ~~9.~~ 8. Department of Health and Human Services
- ~~10.~~ 9. Department of Insurance
- ~~11.~~ 10. Department of Juvenile Justice
- ~~12.~~ 11. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
- ~~13. Department of Mental Health~~
- ~~14.~~ 12. Department of Motor Vehicles
- ~~15.~~ 13. Department of Natural Resources

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- ~~16-14.~~ Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
- ~~17-15.~~ Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
- ~~18-16.~~ Department of Public Safety
- ~~19-17.~~ Department of Revenue
- ~~20-18.~~ Department of Social Services
- ~~21-19.~~ Department of Transportation
- ~~22-20.~~ Department of Employment and Workforce
- ~~23-21.~~ Department on Aging
- ~~24-22.~~ Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- ~~25-23.~~ Department of Environmental Services

SECTION 3. Section 8-17-370 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(21) The Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and all the department's employees who report directly to the director or office director.

SECTION 4. Section 44-20-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-30. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have an intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one or more spinal cord injuries, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services ~~of from the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs office.~~

(2) "Client" is a person who is determined by the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs office~~ to have an intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, or spinal cord injury and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.

~~—(3) "Commission" means the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, the policy making and governing body of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(4)~~(3) "County disabilities and special needs boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services within a county or combination of counties for persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries and recognized by the department.

~~(5)~~(4) "Day programs" are programs provided to persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs office.~~

~~(6)~~(5) "~~Department~~" "Office" means the ~~South Carolina~~

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~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

~~(7)(6) “Director~~Office director” means the ~~head of the South Carolina Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, ~~the chief executive director~~ appointed by the ~~commission~~Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

~~(8)(7)~~ “Disabilities and special needs services” are activities designed to achieve the results specified in an individual client's plan.

~~(9)(8)~~ “High risk infant” means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.

~~(10)(9)~~ “Least restrictive environment” means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.

~~(11)(10)~~ “Improvements” means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county boards of disabilities and special needs, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.

~~(12)(11)~~ “Intellectual disability” means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

~~(13)(12)~~ “Obligations” means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the commission pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

~~(14)(13)~~ “Regional residential center” is a ~~twenty-four hour~~twenty-four-hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.

~~(15)(14)~~ “Related disability” is a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to an intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with an intellectual disability and must meet the following conditions:

(a) ~~It~~ is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to an intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of

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general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons;

(b) ~~It~~it is manifested before twenty-two years of age;

(c) ~~It~~it is likely to continue indefinitely; and

(d) ~~It~~it results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.

~~(16)~~(15) “Residential programs” are services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.

~~(17)~~(16) “Revenues” or “its revenues” means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.

~~(18)~~(17) “State capital improvement bonds” means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.

~~—(19) “Department” shall mean the State Department of Administration as constituted pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 1.~~

SECTION 5. Section 44-20-210 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

~~Section 44-20-210. There is created the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The commission consists of seven members. One member must be a resident of each congressional district appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate. They shall serve for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members of the commission are subject to removal by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240. A vacancy may be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term. office shall be headed by an office director appointed by Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).~~

SECTION 6. Section 44-20-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

~~Section 44-20-220. The commission Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall determine the policy and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department office and the employment of professional staff and personnel. The members of the commission shall receive subsistence,~~

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mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. ~~The commission shall appoint and in its discretion remove a South Carolina Director of Disabilities and Special Needs who is the chief executive officer of the department.~~ Subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the office director ~~The commission~~ may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of ~~its~~ the office's responsibilities. ~~The commission~~ office director may educate the public and state and local officials as to the need for the funding, development, and coordination of services for persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries and promote the best interest of persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. ~~The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries. In promulgating these regulations, the commission must consult with the advisory committee of the division for which the regulations shall apply.~~

SECTION 7. Section 44-20-230 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-230. Subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ~~commission~~, the office director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the ~~commission~~ department's director. The office director may appoint ~~and in his discretion~~ and, in his discretion, remove all other officers and employees of the ~~department~~ office subject to the approval of the ~~commission~~ department's director.

SECTION 8. Section 44-20-240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-240. ~~There is created the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs which~~ The office has authority over all of the state's services and programs for the treatment and training of persons with an intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. This authority does not include services delivered by other agencies of the State as prescribed by statute. The ~~department~~ office must be comprised of, at a minimum, an Intellectual Disability Division, an Autism Division, and a Head and Spinal Cord Injuries Division. The ~~department~~ office may be divided into additional divisions as may be determined by the office director and approved ~~and named~~ by the ~~commission~~ department's director. Responsibility for all autistic services is transferred from the ~~Department Office~~ Department Office of Mental Health to the ~~Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Office of

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Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 9. Section 44-20-255 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-255. (A) Upon execution of the deed as provided in subsection (B) of this section, ownership of the tract of real property in Richland County described in Section 1 of Act 1645 of 1972 is confirmed in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation.

(B) The State Department of Administration shall cause to be executed and recorded an appropriate deed conveying the tract to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~.

(C) Proceeds of a subsequent sale of the tract that is the subject of this section may be retained by the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

SECTION 10. Section 44-49-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-49-10. (A) There is established the ~~Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse~~ Office of Substance Use Services. The ~~department office~~ shall be vested with all the functions, powers, and duties; of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, the successor to the South Carolina Commission on Alcoholism and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and shall have full authority for formulating, coordinating, and administering the state plans for controlling narcotics and controlled substances and alcohol abuse, subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(B) All functions, powers, and duties of the commissioner of the narcotics and controlled substances section of the State Planning and Grants Division (Division of Administration in the Office of the Governor) ~~are hereby that were~~ transferred to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services are hereby transferred to the Office of Substance Use Services ~~department~~, except those powers and duties related to the traffic of narcotics and controlled substances as defined in Section 44-53-130 which shall be vested in the State Law Enforcement Division.

(C) All rules and regulations promulgated by the ~~commissioner of narcotics and controlled substances~~ predecessor agencies shall remain in effect until changed by the department.

(D) The department is authorized to establish a block grant

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mechanism to provide such monies as may be appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose to each of the agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a). The distribution of these monies must be on a per capita basis according to the most recent United States Census. The agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a) must expend any funds received through this mechanism in accordance with the county plans required under Section 61-12-20(b).

(E) Subject to the approval of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, the ~~The~~ department is authorized to develop such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter as it may find to be reasonably appropriate for the government of the county plans called for in Section 61-12-20(b), and the financial and programmatic accountability of funds provided under this section and all other funds provided by the department to agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a).

SECTION 11. Section 44-49-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-49-20. ~~The Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~ component office shall be headed by ~~a~~ an office director appointed by the Governor, ~~upon the advice and consent of the Senate.~~ The director is subject to removal by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240 Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

SECTION 12. Section 44-9-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-10. There is hereby created the ~~State Department~~ Office of Mental Health, a component office of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The office ~~which~~ shall have jurisdiction over all of the state's mental hospitals, clinics and centers, joint state and community sponsored mental health clinics and centers and facilities for the treatment and care of alcohol and drug addicts, including the authority to name each facility. The office shall be headed by an office director appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1). The director must be a person of proven executive and administrative ability with appropriate education and substantial experience in the field of mental illness treatment.

SECTION 13. Section 44-9-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-20. All the powers and duties vested in the South Carolina Mental Health Commission immediately prior to March 26, 1964 ~~are hereby that were~~ transferred to and vested in the Department of Mental Health are now transferred to and vested in the Office of Mental

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Health, a component of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. All records, files, and other papers belonging to the ~~South Carolina Mental Health Commission~~Department of Mental Health shall be continued as part of the records and files of the ~~Department Office of Mental Health.~~

SECTION 14. Section 44-9-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-9-30. ~~(A)(1) There is created the governing board for the State Department of Mental Health known as the South Carolina Mental Health Commission. The commission shall consist of seven members, one from each congressional district, appointed by the Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate.~~

~~—(2) The Governor shall consider consumer and family representation when appointing members.~~

~~—(B) The members serve for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The terms of no more than two members may expire in one year. The Governor may remove a member pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240. A vacancy must be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.~~

~~The commission~~ The department director shall determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the ~~department office~~ and the employment of professional and staff personnel.

~~—(D) The members shall receive the same subsistence, mileage, and per diem provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.~~

SECTION 15. Chapter 30, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 1-30-150. (A) The Departments of Health and Human Services, Veterans' Affairs, Administration, Public Health, Social Services, and Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall collaboratively develop and execute a cohesive and comprehensive plan that addresses how to ensure that services and support for South Carolinians with disabilities are, to the greatest extent possible, provided in the community instead of in an institutional setting in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581.

(B) The Director of the Department of Public Health shall appoint an Administrator of Community Living Integration who will be responsible for providing oversight in the assessment of the current state of community integration in South Carolina and in the creation of the community integration goals and objectives to be included in the State Health Plan. The Administrator of Community Living will report to the

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Director of the Department of Public Health and shall select an Americans with Disabilities Coordinator to ensure compliance with responsibilities outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581.

(C) The Director of the Department of Public Health shall establish and appoint members to a health planning advisory committee, upon consultation with the other departments charged with participating in developing the plan, to provide advice in the development of the plan. Members of the advisory committee should include health care providers, representatives from the disabled community, disability advocacy agencies, consumers, payers, and public health professionals. When developing the community integration goals and objectives, the committee must seek input from people with disabilities of different types and varying levels of severity, family members of people with disabilities, and people currently providing services to the disabled community. The committee must identify objectives for the successful implementation of the community integration program. Members of the advisory committee are allowed the usual mileage and subsistence as provided for members of boards, committees, and commissions.

SECTION 16. Section 44-21-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-21-80. (A) The Medical University of South Carolina, the ~~Prisma Health-University of South Carolina~~ Medical Group-Midlands, and the Prisma Health-University Medical Group are each hereby authorized, as agents of the State of South Carolina, to fulfill the role of Regional Tertiary Level Developmental Evaluation Centers, hereinafter collectively referred to as "developmental evaluation centers." ~~providing comprehensive developmental assessment and treatment services for children with developmental disabilities, significant developmental delays, or behavioral or learning disorders.~~

(B) As developmental evaluation centers, the above named institutions shall provide neurodevelopmental evaluation and limited treatment services for individuals up to twenty-one years of age who have a suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental disorder or who are referred and accepted for services.~~a seamless continuum of developmental services, including medically necessary diagnostic and treatment services for the purpose of correcting or ameliorating physical or mental illnesses and conditions which, left untreated, would negatively impact the health and quality of life of South Carolina's children. Further, these centers shall work collectively with the teaching, training, and research entities of each institution, extending the state's efforts to prepare professionals to work in the field of developmental~~

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medicine, while lending expertise to the research efforts in this field.

(C) Contingent upon sufficient funding, The developmental evaluation centers shall work with institutions, state agencies, and other organizations to increase the number of neurodevelopmental professions, increase community provider neurodevelopmental services capacity through provider training programs, provide technical assistance to improve regionalized, community-based, and family centered systems of care for individuals with neurodevelopmental disorders, and participate in neurodevelopmental research. be involved in research, planning, and needs assessment of issues related to developmental disabilities and shall be committed to develop a regionalized system of community based, family-centered care for children with developmental and behavioral disabilities. In so doing, the centers shall serve as primary points of entry for developmental evaluation services and as regional coordinators for the delivery of the services and are encouraged to affiliate with other providers thus enhancing the availability of high quality services for the children of South Carolina.

(D) For the purposes of this section, “neurodevelopmental disorders” are characterized by disruptions in the functioning neurological system and the brain, leading to difficulties in one or more of cognition, behavior, social interaction, communication, or motor function. Neurodevelopmental disorders primarily manifest early in development, typically during infancy, childhood, or adolescence.

SECTION 17. Section 44-9-40 of the S.C. Code and Section 44-9-50 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 18. (A) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from “State Department of Mental Health,” “South Carolina Mental Health Commission,” and “commission” in Chapter 9, Title 44 and otherwise in the S.C. Code where “commission” refers to the “South Carolina Mental Health Commission” to the “Office of Mental Health,” “component office,” or “office” as appropriate.

(B) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from “Department of Disabilities and Special Needs” or “department” in Chapter 20, Title 44 to “Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,” “component office,” or “office” as appropriate. The Code Commissioner is further directed to change references in the S.C. Code to the “Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Commission” or where “commission” refers to the “Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Commission” to “Director of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,”

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“office director,” or “director” as appropriate.

(C) The Code Commissioner is directed to change references in the S.C. Code from “Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services” or “department” when referring to the “Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services” to “Office of Substance Use Services,” “component office,” or “office” as appropriate.

SECTION 19. (A) Upon the effective date of this act the Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(B) Upon the effective date of this act, the Director of the Department of Mental Health shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Mental Health, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(C) Upon the effective date of this act the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall serve as the Interim Director of the Office of Substance Use Services, unless otherwise removed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, until such time as a successor is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the office director's position on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may assign an employee of the department to perform the duties required of

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the vacant position in the interim.

(D) Nothing in this act prevents the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities from reappointing the directors of their respective departments serving in those roles as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 20. (A) Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025. Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Mental Health shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Mental Health as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025. Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this section, the Office of Substance Use Services shall operate as a component department of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services as a standalone agency in the Appropriations Act of 2025.

(B) Upon appointment and confirmation, the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities may cause the transfer to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities such: (1) personnel and attendant funding included in the administrative areas of the 2025 Appropriations Act and (2) operating expenses included in the administrative areas of the 2025 Appropriations Act of one or more of the component departments of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities as, in the determination of the director, is necessary to carry out the duties of the department. The Department of Administration shall cause all necessary actions to be taken to accomplish any such transfer and shall in consultation with the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities prescribe the manner in which the transfer provided for in this section shall be accomplished. The Department of Administration's actions in facilitating the provisions of this section are ministerial in nature and shall not be construed as an approval process over any of the transfers.

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(C) Except for those positions transferred pursuant to this section or otherwise specifically referenced in this act, employees of the Departments of Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall maintain their same status with the appropriate component departments of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Mental Health shall become employees of the Office of Mental Health within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall become employees of the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Employees of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall become employees of the Office of Substance Use within the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities.

(D) Nothing in this act affects bonded indebtedness, if applicable, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies of the Departments of Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services existing on the effective date of this act. All applicable bonded indebtedness, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies shall continue in effect in the name of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities or the appropriate component department.

SECTION 21. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Article III, Section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of health care delivery as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 22. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs,

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sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 23. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. DAVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

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Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 2. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. David Vaughan

H. 4296--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4296 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Yow and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-90, RELATING TO SERVICE WITHIN THE STATE OF MILITARY FORCES FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THE UNITED STATES ARMY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-510, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD APPOINTMENTS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN AGE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1330, RELATING TO ANNUAL SETTLEMENTS FOR FEDERAL AND STATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO FEDERAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-1370, RELATING TO ALLOWANCES FOR MAINTENANCE, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT THAT UNITS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN MAINTENANCE FUND ALLOWANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-40,

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RELATING TO APPLICATION TO THE STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-65, RELATING TO AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES DESIGNATED FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER PERSONS CALLED INTO ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-75, RELATING TO STATE AGENCIES' REQUIREMENT TO PAY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL MAY USE CERTAIN METHODS FOR PAYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS IN CERTAIN CASES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-360 RELATING TO RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-380 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR ARMY; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-390 RELATING TO THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL FOR AIR; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-410 RELATING TO AUDITS AND ALLOWANCES OF DEPARTMENT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-560 RELATING TO PUBLICATIONS OF RELATIVE RANK LIST OF OFFICERS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-580 RELATING TO OFFICERS IN COMMAND OF SUBORDINATE OR DETACHED UNITS OR DIFFERENT UNITS ON DUTY TOGETHER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-810 RELATING TO PROMOTIONS UNDER THE FEDERAL PERSONNEL ACT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-830 RELATING TO OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-860 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN STAFF OF HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS DETACHMENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-870 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF MAJOR GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-880 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF BRIGADIER GENERAL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-890 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF COLONEL; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-930 RELATING TO VACANCIES IN GRADE OF WARRANT OFFICER; BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-1350 RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SHARING IN APPROPRIATIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 25-1-3105 RELATING TO MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY FORCES TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL.

Rep. MITCHELL explained the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--94

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4307--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4307 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO COMBINE CERTAIN PRECINCTS AND REDESIGNATE MAP NUMBERS ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DESIGNATED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long

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Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

**H. 3914--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY**

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry and was referred to the Committee on Judiciary:

H. 3914 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bailey, W. Newton, Hardee, McGinnis, Atkinson, Hayes and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PATRONAGE CAPITAL ACCOUNTS OF AN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OR A TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE.

**H. 3175--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
AND PUBLIC WORKS**

On motion of Rep. COLLINS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

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H. 3175 -- Reps. Collins, Mitchell, Forrest and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO SPECIFICATIONS OF LICENSE PLATES, THE PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL ISSUE LICENSE PLATES COMMEMORATING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

H. 3430--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3430 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell, Pope, W. Newton, Bannister, Sessions, Jordan, Robbins, Collins, Martin, Lawson, Wickensimer, Landing, Long, Hiott, Forrest, Sanders, Teeple, Oremus, Hartz, Guest, Pedalino, M. M. Smith, Schuessler, Chapman, Gatch, McGinnis, Neese, Hardee, Ligon, Taylor, Willis, Vaughan, Brittain, Erickson, Bradley, Rankin, Hager, Whitmire, Gilliam, Crawford, Hewitt, Yow, Hixon, Ballentine, Gagnon and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

H. 3127--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3127 -- Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M. M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750,

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RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHERE CERTAIN AGGRAVATING CIRCUMSTANCES OCCUR THE OFFENDER IS GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.CM0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(b) and inserting:

~~(b) the person was driving on the wrong side of the road~~ is in any violation of Article 13, Chapter 5 of Title 56;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(d), (e), and (f) and inserting:

~~(d) the person drove his vehicle toward another vehicle or pursuing officer in a manner to purposely scare another person or intimidate a pursuing officer that would cause a reasonable person in a similar circumstance to experience fear or intimidation;~~

~~(e) the person fled from the scene on foot after the pursuit ended; or~~

~~(f) the person collided with another person during the pursuit causing great or moderate bodily injury as defined in Section 16-3-600(A); or~~

~~(g) the person was involved in a collision that resulted in property damage.~~

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one year after ~~upon~~ approval by the Governor.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRITTAIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) (1) A law enforcement officer may not engage in vehicle

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pursuits with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless:

(a) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed a crime of violence as defined in Section 16-23-10;

(b) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has escaped from a state or local detention facility; or

(b) the officer has received authorization to engage in the pursuit from a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit. The supervisor must consider alternatives to the pursuit before permitting authorization.

(2) A pursuing officer or supervisor must consider safety hazards including, but not limited to, speed, weather, traffic, road conditions, and if minors are present in the vehicles while in pursuit or supervising a pursuit.

(3) No later than January 1, 2026, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council shall establish supplemental statewide policies, procedures, and training courses that may further advise upon or restrict the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to engage in vehicle pursuit. State and local law enforcement agencies must abide by all vehicle pursuit policies, procedures, and training requirements adopted by the training council.

(4) The Public Safety Coordinating Council may not award grants to a law enforcement agency when an officer employed by the agency engages in an unlawful vehicle pursuit pursuant to this subsection.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. ROBBINS proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-5-750(B)(3)(c) and inserting:

(c) the person threw drugs and the amount was sufficient enough to warrant a charge of possession with the intent to distribute or trafficking pursuant to Chapter 53 of Title 44;

(c) the person threw ~~drugs, drug paraphernalia, or weapons~~ a weapon from his vehicle;

Renumber sections to conform.

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Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.DG0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) (1) A law enforcement officer may not engage in vehicle pursuits with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless:

(a) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has committed a crime of violence as defined in Section 16-23-10;

(b) there is probable cause to believe that a person in the vehicle has escaped from a state or local detention facility; or

(b) the officer has received authorization to engage in the pursuit from a supervising officer and there is supervisory control of the pursuit. The supervisor must consider alternatives to the pursuit before permitting authorization.

(2) A pursuing officer or supervisor must consider safety hazards including, but not limited to, speed, weather, traffic, road conditions, and if minors are present in the vehicles while in pursuit or supervising a pursuit.

(3) No later than January 1, 2026, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council shall establish supplemental statewide policies, procedures, and training courses that may further advise upon or restrict the circumstances under which a law enforcement officer is authorized to engage in vehicle pursuit. State and local law enforcement agencies must abide by all vehicle pursuit policies, procedures, and training requirements adopted by the training council.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to table the amendment.

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Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken,
resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilreath
Govan	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Gilliard
Grant	Hart	Henderson-Myers

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Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	McDaniel	Reese
Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. RUTHERFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3127 (LC-3127.CM0014H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-5-750 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) A law enforcement officer may not engage in a vehicle pursuit with a motor vehicle driver that fails to stop when signaled by the officer unless the patrol vehicle has at least one million dollars in automobile liability insurance coverage.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox

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Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rankin
Robbins	Sanders	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Grant	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	Jones	King
Kirby	Luck	McDaniel
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--25

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

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The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jones	King
McDaniel	Reese	Rose
Waters		

Total--10

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 74--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 74 -- Senator Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. BRITTAIN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to.

H. 3276--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3276 -- Reps. Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M. M. Smith and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE

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OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.CM0010H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record;

(c) if the violation causes great bodily injury, must be fined one thousand dollars and sentenced to not more than five years. As used in this subsection, "great bodily injury" means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily member or organ; or

(d) if the violation causes death, is convicted of a felony and must be fined five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than five years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.WAB0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(D)(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined two hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, and must have two points assessed against his motor vehicle operating record.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 56-1-720 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-1-720. There is established a point system for the evaluation of the operating record of persons to whom a license to

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operate motor vehicles has been granted and for the determination of the continuing qualifications of these persons for the privileges granted by the license to operate motor vehicles. The system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to the various violations in accordance with the following schedule:

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR explained the amendment.

Rep. TAYLOR spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. KING spoke upon the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.HDB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 56-5-3890(D), by adding an item to read:

(4) Notwithstanding Section 56-1-640, a violation of this section must not be reported to the offender's motor vehicle insurer.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. ROSE spoke in favor of the amendment.

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Rep. ROSE continued speaking.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the amendment.

Rep. ROSE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 18; Nays 82

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bowers	Bradley
Calhoon	Chapman	Collins
Forrest	Hager	Hartz
Ligon	Martin	McGinnis
Montgomery	B. Newton	Pope
Sanders	G. M. Smith	Taylor

Total--18

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Brewer
Burns	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Holman	Hosey	Howard
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Long	Lowe
Luck	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	Morgan	Moss
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Teeple
Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--82

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So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.HDB0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-5-3890(E)(1) and inserting:

(1) stop a person for a violation of this section except when the officer has probable cause that a violation has occurred based on the officer's clear and unobstructed view of a person who is using a wireless electronic communication device to compose, send, or read a text-based communication while operating a motor vehicle on the public streets and highways of this State;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ROSE proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 3276 (LC-3276.AHB0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 4 and inserting:

SECTION 4. During the first ~~ninety~~ one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this act, law enforcement officers shall only issue warnings for violations of Section 56-5-3890, as amended by this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 25

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Govan
Grant	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Luck	Martin	McCabe
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rose	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bowers	Burns
Chumley	Cromer	Edgerton
Frank	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Guffey	Harris
Huff	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Morgan	Moss	Pace

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Rivers
Williams

Terrible

White

Total--25

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. FRANK a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

S. 156--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 156 -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 156 (LC-156.HDB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section

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16-3-80(A) and inserting:

(A) A person who knowingly and unlawfully delivers, dispenses, or otherwise provides fentanyl or a fentanyl-related substance as defined in Section 44-53-190(B) and Section 44-53-210(c)(6) to another person, in violation of the provisions of Section ~~44-53-370~~44-53-370(e)(9), commits the felony offense of fentanyl-induced homicide if the ~~proximate~~direct cause of the death of any other person is the injection, inhalation, absorption, or ingestion of any amount of the fentanyl or fentanyl-related substance that was unlawfully delivered, dispensed, or otherwise provided.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck

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Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3930--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3930 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, T. Moore, Hiott, B. Newton, Neese, Sessions, Edgerton, Beach, B. L. Cox, Hardee, Montgomery, M. M. Smith, Holman, Willis, Lawson, Hager, McGinnis, Vaughan, Burns, Frank, Davis, White, Caskey, Wickensimer, Hartnett, Rankin, Magnuson, Guffey, Kilmartin, Haddon, Schuessler, Cromer, Gilreath, Long, Oremus, Hartz, Pope, Mitchell, Yow, Forrest, Hixon, Taylor, W. Newton, Teeple, Pedalino, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECOND AMENDMENT FINANCIAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, TO PROVIDE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES NO GOVERNMENT ENTITY SHALL KNOWINGLY KEEP A RECORD OF PRIVATELY OWNED

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**FIREARMS OR THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES
FOR VIOLATIONS.**

Rep. B. J. COX spoke in favor of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilreath
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hartz	Hiott
Holman	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Montgomery	Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jones
King	McDaniel	Waters
Weeks		

Total--10

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 3924--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3924 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton, Erickson, Neese, Hager, Bannister, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Pedalino, Mitchell, Bustos, Lawson, Guffey, Hiott, Taylor, Ballentine, Vaughan, White, Long, Ligon, Guest, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bailey, Landing, B. J. Cox, Hayes, Atkinson, Willis, Lowe, T. Moore, Davis, Hixon, Martin, Pope, Henderson-Myers and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE OF HEMP-DERIVED CONSUMABLES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 46

Consumable Hemp Products

Section 56-46-10. It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to possess or consume a “consumable hemp product.” A “consumable hemp product” is defined as a hemp, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or cannabinoid product that is a hemp or cannabinoid derived good intended for human ingestion, absorption, or consumption made from a cannabinoid that is naturally occurring in a hemp plant or made from a cannabinoid that is chemically derived or otherwise synthetically manufactured that has been extracted or purified from an agricultural product. The following chemically derived hemp cannabinoids are specifically included in the definition of a consumable hemp product:

(1) Hexahydrocannabinol (HHC);

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- (2) Tetrahydrocannabinol acetate ester (THCo);
- (3) Tetrahydrocannabiphorol (THCp);
- (4) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (5) Delta 10 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (6) Delta 4 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (7) Delta 11 Tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (8) Delta 6a10a Tetrahydrocannabinol;
- (9) Hebahydrocannabinol Acetate (HHC-O);
- (10) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabiphorol;
- (11) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabihexol;
- (12) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl;
- (13) Delta 9 Tetrahydrocannabinol methyl ether (THC-M);
- (14) Delta 8 Tetrahydrocannabinol octyl; or
- (15) Delta 7 Tetrahydrocannabinol.

Section 56-46-20. (A) No person may knowingly:

(1) sell or distribute a product containing a consumable hemp product to a person who is under twenty-one years of age or purchase a product containing a consumable hemp product on behalf of a person who is under twenty-one years of age;

(2) persuade, entice, send, or assist a person who is under twenty-one years of age to purchase, acquire, receive, or attempt to purchase a consumable hemp product. This section does not preclude law enforcement efforts involving:

(a) the use of a minor if the minor's parent or legal guardian has consented to this action; or

(b) the use of a person under twenty-one years of age who is not a minor if the individual has consented to this action;

(3) distribute samples of consumable hemp product in or on a public street, sidewalk, or park; or

(4) sell or distribute a consumable hemp product without having first obtained proof of age from the purchaser or recipient.

(B) Any consumable hemp beverage product offered for retail sale shall be merchandised in such a manner including, but not limited to, signage, shelf-talkers, and stickers on cooler doors, so as to clearly indicate to consumers the product contains hemp-derived cannabinoids.

(C) With the exception of consumable hemp beverages, it is a violation to fail to maintain any product containing consumable hemp products locked away or behind the counter of a retail establishment in an area inaccessible to the customer.

(D) A person violating subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

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(1) for a first offense, must be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined not less than four hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

(E) Section 61-6-4080 is applicable to a person who is in violation of subsection (A)(1) for the sale or distribution of a consumable hemp product.

(F) It is unlawful for a person under twenty-one years of age to:

(1) knowingly purchase, possess, or accept receipt of a consumable hemp product; or

(2) knowingly present purported proof of age that is false, fraudulent, or not actually that person for the purpose of purchasing or receiving a consumable hemp product.

(G) A person violating subsection (F) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or must be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

(H) A person eighteen years of age and older lawfully employed to serve or remove consumable hemp products, beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages in establishments licensed to sell these beverages is not considered to be in unlawful possession of the beverages during the course and scope of his duties as an employee. The provisions of this subsection do not affect the requirement that a bartender must be at least twenty-one years of age.

Section 56-46-30. (A) The Department of Agriculture must enforce this chapter in a manner that may reasonably be expected to reduce the extent to which consumable hemp products are sold or distributed to persons under twenty-one years of age, and must conduct random, unannounced inspections at locations where such products are sold or distributed to ensure compliance with this chapter.

(B) The Department of Agriculture must submit an annual report to the General Assembly describing in detail the department's enforcement efforts under this chapter. The report also must be published and made available to the public on the department's website.

Section 56-46-40. (A) A person engaged in the business of selling at retail consumable hemp products must post in each location for which he has obtained a license a sign with the following words printed thereon:

"The possession of a consumable hemp product by a person under

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twenty-one years of age is a criminal offense under the laws of this State, and it is also unlawful for a person to knowingly give false information concerning his age for the purpose of purchasing a consumable hemp product."

(B) The South Carolina Department of Agriculture must prescribe by regulation the size of the lettering and the location of the sign on the seller's premises.

(C) A retail seller of consumable hemp products who fails to display the sign required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Section 56-46-50. (A) Nothing in this act shall be construed to:

(1) legalize the sale, possession, or consumption of THC products by any person in this State where such products are otherwise prohibited by law;

(2) permit the sale or distribution of any product that exceeds the established THC limits; or

(3) prohibit the sale or distribution of any hemp product that is otherwise legal under state or federal law provided the sale or distribution is not in violation of this article.

(B) This article does not limit or affect any other federal or state law more strictly regulating THC or controlled substances in this State.

Section 56-46-60. An entity that is in the business of manufacturing or selling products containing a hemp-derived cannabinoid in this State, including a producer or retailer, may not be located within one thousand feet of a school, daycare facility, or other similar locations.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. During the first 180 days after the effective date of this act, law enforcement officers shall only issue warnings for violations of this article.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.VR0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 56-46-10, by adding a subsection to read:

(16) any synthetic derivative or analog of the above compounds.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 85 to 5.

Rep. HADDON proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3924 (LC-3924.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 56-46-30 from the bill.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

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Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris Magnuson

Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

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The Honorable House Murrell Smith Jr.

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506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 that I will not participate in the vote on H. 3924 by adding Chapter 56 to Title 46 so as to regulate the sale of hemp-derived consumables, among other things out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Representative Jordan Pace

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 3201--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3201 -- Reps. Davis, Erickson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Pedalino, Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Henderson-Myers and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Rep. Erickson proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3201 (LC-3201.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

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(J) The provisions of this section do not prevent a school district from accepting computer-related gifts, services, or other assistance from entities with expertise in computer science, artificial intelligence, or both, in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss

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Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer
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Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 126--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned until Thursday, April 10 on the following Bill, which was agreed to:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE

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OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 126--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 126 -- Senator Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-500,

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RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-510, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-515 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION" AND TO DEFINE "DISCLOSED RECORDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-2-710, RELATING TO OPTIONS FOR JUDGES TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL; EXCEPTIONS; PROCEDURES, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN A DISCLOSED RECORD FROM A PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INTERNET WEBSITE MAINTAINED BY OR OPERATED ON BEHALF OF A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION RESTRICTED FROM DISCLOSED RECORDS UNDER THIS SECTION MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE OFFICIAL RECORD HELD OR MAINTAINED BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY, AND TO ALLOW DISCLOSURE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 30-2-715 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PETITION TO COURT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE ARTICLE AND TO PREVENT LIABILITY FROM ACCRUING TO A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE OR THE EMPLOYEE'S AGENTS; TO

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DIRECT THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY TO COLLABORATE IN THE CREATION OF THE DESIGNATED FORM FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND FOR A JUDGE TO USE TO REQUEST THE RESTRICTION OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IN DISCLOSED RECORDS; AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss

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Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H.S. 218--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned until Thursday, April 10 on the following Bill, which was agreed to:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

S. 218--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

Rep. JONES proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 218 (LC-218.VR0001H), which was tabled:

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Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-730(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall adopt and execute criteria, policies, and procedures for admissions to and discharges from South Carolina veterans' homes.

(2) Within sixty days of adopting or amending any admissions or discharge criteria, policies, or procedures for South Carolina veterans' homes, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall submit, for informational purposes only, the full text of such criteria, policies, or procedures to:

(a) the South Carolina Legislative Oversight Committee;

(b) the Senate Family and Veterans' Services Committee; and

(c) the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

These submissions shall be accompanied by a summary of stakeholder engagement and an analysis of potential impacts on low-income, disabled, and minority veterans. The department also shall make these policies publicly accessible through its website and update them promptly upon any revisions.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. DAVIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. GRANT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bowers	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilreath	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

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Hardee	Hartnett	Hartz
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Holman	Huff	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Martin
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Robbins	Sanders
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Edgerton
Garvin	Gilliard	Govan
Grant	Harris	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
Jones	King	Kirby
Luck	Magnuson	J. Moore
Reese	Rivers	Rose
Stavrinakis	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Holman
Hosey	Howard	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sanders	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H.S. 89--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. L. COX moved to reconsider the vote whereby debate was adjourned on the following Bill until Thursday, April 10, which was agreed to:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

S. 89--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 89 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-100, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, SO AS TO RENAME THE TASK FORCE THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY COUNCIL, TO REVISE THE COUNCIL'S MISSION, TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL, TO MANDATE THAT THE COUNCIL MEETS AT LEAST ONE TIME EACH CALENDAR YEAR, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 89 (LC-89.SA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 25-11-100(B)(1)(~~p~~), (~~r~~), (~~s~~), (~~t~~), (~~u~~), (~~v~~), and (~~x~~) and inserting:

(p) Chairperson of the Edgefield County Council;

~~(p)~~(q) Mayor of North Augusta;

~~(n)~~~~(q)~~(r) Mayor of Beaufort;

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- (~~e~~)(~~r~~)(s) Mayor of Charleston;
- (~~p~~)(~~s~~)(t) Mayor of Columbia;
- (~~q~~)(~~t~~)(u) Mayor of North Charleston;
- (~~r~~)(~~u~~)(v) Mayor of Port Royal;
- (~~s~~)(~~v~~)(w) Mayor of Sumter;
- (~~t~~)(~~w~~)(x) one or more members of the Senate or the House of

Representatives appointed by the Governor; and

(~~u~~)(~~x~~)(y) ~~five~~six at-large members appointed by the Governor who have demonstrated experience in one or more of the following areas: economic development, defense industry, military installation operation, environmental issues, finance, local government, or senior military leadership, of whom:

(i) ~~four~~five shall represent, respectively, the ~~four~~five military ~~communities~~counties of Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia, Richland, and Sumter, and each shall reside in the military ~~community~~county that he is appointed to represent; and

(ii) the ~~fifth~~sixth at-large member shall serve as the task force chairman.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

Rep. B. J. COX moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. GRANT moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. CASKEY, from the Lexington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4187 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Govan, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3258 -- Reps. Pope, Gilliam, Martin, Grant, M. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-66-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MOBILE PANIC ALERT SYSTEMS IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SYSTEMS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCUREMENT AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3778 -- Reps. Bannister, Burns, Long, Willis, Vaughan, Haddon, Jones, Bowers, Hiott, Wickensimer, Sanders and Kilmartin: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY WAIVE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS MAKE UP FULL DAYS MISSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS CLOSED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH HURRICANE HELENE DURING THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, AND TO EXTEND SUCH WAIVERS TO HOME SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3250 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 59-104-250 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT TECHNICAL COLLEGE LIBRARIES CONVERT TO COMPUTER-BASED AUTOMATED SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH STATE LIBRARY SYSTEMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3251 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 39-9-240 RELATING TO THE METRIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND ITS MANDATE TO DEVELOP AND ENCOURAGE IMPLEMENTATION OF A METRIC EDUCATION PLAN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3944 -- Reps. Erickson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4160, RELATING TO WEIGHING VEHICLES AND THEIR LOADS, UNLOADING THEIR EXCESS WEIGHT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM WEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC BATTERY POWERED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4134 -- Reps. Robbins, B. Newton, Dillard and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ACT 80 OF 2013, RELATING TO THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT," SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL TEN YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-44-10, RELATING TO THE CITATION OF THE ACT, SO AS TO RENAME THE ACT THE "HIGH GROWTH SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT OF 2013 - ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT ACT."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3925 -- Reps. Bannister, Murphy, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Yow and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-3-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT

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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SHALL CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY FOR THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR ANNUALLY; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-290 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN AN ACCOUNTING OF CASH AND INVESTMENTS IN THE TREASURY BY AGENCY AND FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-5-185, RELATING TO THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE TREASURER SHALL ENSURE ACCURACY OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL DATA AND INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ANY SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-60, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE AUDITOR MAY NOT CONTRACT WITH THE SAME EXTERNAL AUDITING FIRM WITHOUT PRIOR REVIEW BY THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3800 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, White, Kilmartin and Frank: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO THE SALES TAX EXEMPTION ON DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, SO AS TO DELETE AN ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT THAT THE SELLER HAVE A PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3645 -- Reps. Bernstein, Herbkersman, Pope, Stavrinakis, Ballentine, Caskey, Collins, Wetmore, Bauer, Rutherford, Cobb-Hunter, Spann-Wilder, W. Newton, Schuessler, Dillard, Kirby and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE

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EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3832 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Dillard and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-62-50, RELATING TO THE TAX REBATE FOR CERTAIN MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL LIMIT, AND BY ALLOWING THE USE OF REBATES FOR CERTAIN EXPENDITURES AND EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-62-60 RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF ADMISSIONS TAXES FOR REBATES TO MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3830 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT FOR AN ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 164 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-23-120, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR REGULATIONS, SO AS TO TOLL THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FROM THE SECOND FRIDAY IN MAY THROUGH THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY; AND TO ADD A PROVISION REVISING THE PERIOD OF LEGISLATIVE REVIEW FOR REGULATIONS FILED ON JANUARY 14, 2025, TO ONE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DAYS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 388 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5322, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 389 -- Education Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5321, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3752 -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICANTS FOR INITIAL LICENSURE AS A SOCIAL WORKER SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3163 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, Pope, Spann-Wilder, McCravy, Hartnett, Teeple, Kilmartin, Montgomery, Sanders, Bauer, Guffey and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-11-30, RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES COMPENSABLE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND CONDITIONS PRESUMED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF AND IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR FIREFIGHTERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE STROKE, AND TO REVISE PRESUMPTION ENTITLEMENT CRITERIA TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS DEVELOPED WHILE ACTIVELY ON DUTY INSTEAD OF ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN FIREFIGHTING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3129 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3931 -- Reps. Bailey, Sessions, Brewer, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Burns, Haddon, Lowe, Rutherford, Schuessler and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-39-150, RELATING TO APPROVAL OR DENIAL OF PERMITS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH TIMELINES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE ACTION ON A PERMIT APPLICATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4324 -- Reps. Hixon, Oremus, Hartz, Taylor, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NORTH AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN AMAZING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4325 -- Reps. Grant, King, Jones, Waters and McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO END TARIFFS THAT ARE NEGATIVELY AFFECTING BMW AND OTHER CRITICAL INDUSTRIES IN THIS STATE.

Rep. GRANT asked unanimous consent to have the Resolution be taken up for immediate consideration.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

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The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4326 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSHUA WILLIAMS OF FLORENCE, 66TH EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO HIS UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY AND HIS CONSISTENTLY EXEMPLARY SCHOLARSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4327 -- Reps. Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath,

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Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL MALE AND FEMALE STRENGTH TEAMS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE OUTSTANDING ATHLETES ON WINNING THEIR RESPECTIVE 2025 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4328 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE RIVER BLUFF

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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WINTER GUARD FOR CAPTURING THE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE 2025 WINTER GUARD INTERNATIONAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON ITS EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4329 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FREIDA ANN SCYPHERS RAWL JODIE ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4330 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley,

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Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 KODAK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4331 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope,

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Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 WICK OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, TO CELEBRATE HIM ON BEING POSTHUMOUSLY AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR, AND TO MOURN HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4332 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR K-9 BUMI AND K-9 SPECIALIST ALAN WARE OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

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The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4333 -- Reps. Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR INVESTIGATOR JACKIE "COTTON" HEFFNER, CORPORAL BRIAN GENWRIGHT, DEPUTY JEFFERY SESSOMS, AND DEPUTY BRIANNA ALLEN OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS SERGEANT SCOTT BOWEN AND OFFICER JAKE KING OF THE BENNETTSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4334 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein,

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Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT CHRISTIAN D. ANDERSON AND CORPORAL CHRISTOPHER PARTRIDGE OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2024 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 4335 -- Rep. Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSEES DO NOT NEED TO RESIDE OR MAINTAIN A PHYSICAL OFFICE IN THIS STATE TO BE CONSIDERED ACTIVELY PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

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H. 4336 -- Reps. Hartnett, Davis, Teeple and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR CORRECTIONS OFFICER; A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL, HEALTHCARE WORKER, OR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE; OR AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL DURING OR BECAUSE OF THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4337 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-15-130 SO AS TO GRANT SUBPOENA POWERS TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-40, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PREREQUISITES FOR HOLDING THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-61, RELATING TO ACCESS TO AGENCY RECORDS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COUNCIL'S ACCESS TO RECORDS AND FACILITIES UPON REQUEST AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-15-120, RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS, SO AS TO FURTHER DEFINE WHICH RECORDS ARE CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL AND TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "RECORDS."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4338 -- Reps. Sanders, B. L. Cox and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-1-190 AND 5-25-950 BOTH SO AS TO PROHIBIT GOVERNING BODIES FROM LIMITING THE USE OF SPECIFIC STYLES OF EXTERIOR CLADDING OR FINISH MATERIALS FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

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H. 4339 -- Reps. Erickson, Terribile, Bradley, Martin, Huff, Mitchell, Forrest, Anderson, Duncan, Kilmartin, Lawson, Hager, M. M. Smith, Beach, Frank, J. L. Johnson, Gilliam, Rankin, Bauer, Teeple, Pedalino, McCabe, Bustos, Wickensimer, Cobb-Hunter, Vaughan, Haddon, Willis, Long, Chapman, Pace, Caskey, Chumley, Whitmire, Morgan, Magnuson, Gibson, Davis, Edgerton, Hartz, Bernstein, Harris, B. Newton, Hewitt, Waters, Luck, Rivers, Hartnett, B. L. Cox, Reese, Taylor, Bowers, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Jordan, McGinnis, Moss, Spann-Wilder and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTHY SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-325 SO AS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN BY PROHIBITING THE USE OF HARMFUL FOOD ADDITIVES IN SCHOOL MEALS, ENSURING INGREDIENT TRANSPARENCY, ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES AND ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS, TO PROVIDE A PERIODIC REVIEW AND POSSIBLE UPDATES OF PROHIBITED ADDITIVES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO MAKE RELATED FINDINGS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4340 -- Reps. Bauer and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS EXCLUDING PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARIES FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4341 -- Reps. Wetmore, Edgerton, Brewer, Crawford, M. M. Smith, Caskey and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-7-230, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT FOR ROADS OR STREETS UPON WHICH

MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES MAY CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SPEED-CONTROL DEVICES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

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H. 4342 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-15-175, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RESTRICTED INSTRUCTORS' LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY, SO AS TO REMOVE LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN CREDENTIALING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4343 -- Reps. Wetmore, Erickson, Edgerton, Terribile, Cromer, Schuessler, Crawford, Davis, Calhoon, Oremus, Holman, Pedalino, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Dillard, Bauer, Henderson-Myers, Landing, McDaniel and Waters: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-33-31 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES, REGISTERED NURSES, OR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES EXCLUDING CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-39 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIANS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-953 SO AS TO REQUIRE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION CONTINUING EDUCATION TRAINING FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 171 -- Senators Gambrell and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTE TIRE MANIFESTS AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF UNSAFE USED TIRES, AND RELATED PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(E) THROUGH (F), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE UP TO FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS AS A TIPPING FEE; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170(N) THROUGH (S), RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO AMEND THE COLLECTION OF THE FEE TO INCLUDE USED TIRES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION

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OF THE WASTE TIRE FEE AND RELATED WASTE TIRE FUNDS, TO REMOVE THE REBATE PROVISIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE MARKET INFRASTRUCTURE FOR TIRE-DERIVED PRODUCTS; TO DIRECT THE CODE COMMISSIONER TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING

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SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 269 -- Senators Turner, Elliott and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE SECURITY PERSONNEL LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF A LICENSEE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM APPLICATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 469 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC HARVEST REPORTING OF BIG GAME - SC GAME CHECK, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5331, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

S. 470 -- Fish, Game and Forestry Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, RELATING TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS; TURKEY HUNTING RULES AND SEASON; AND BEAR HUNTING RULES AND SEASONS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5332, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE

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1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations, Admin. Proc., AI and Cybersecurity

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4290 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terrible, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORRY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF REVEREND THOMAS N. BRITTAIN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

H. 4150 -- Reps. Wickensimer, Bannister, Beach, Burns, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Frank, Gilreath, Haddon, Huff, Jones, Morgan, Vaughan and Willis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE SECTION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 BETWEEN S. OLD PIEDMONT HIGHWAY AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 185 IN

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GREENVILLE COUNTY "SGT. W.C. JUMPER HIGHWAY" AND
ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS
LOCATION CONTAINING THIS DESIGNATION.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:24 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep.
M. M. SMITH, adjourned in memory of Ernest Ward Avinger Jr., to
meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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