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WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025
(Statewide Session)

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 115:12: “The Lord has been mindful of us; He will bless us.”

Let us pray. Most Holy God, make us to know Your great love and compassion for us and send Your guardian angels to guide and keep these Representatives and staff in Your care, that they will be discerning while doing the work of the people. Bless those who lead us in this Assembly, our State and nation. Protect our defenders of freedom at home and abroad as they protect us. Touch our wounded warriors and heal them. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray. 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 Thursday, May 8, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HOSEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dawan E. "Pookie" Smith, which was agreed to.

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	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan

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Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
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	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Montgomery	J. Moore	T. Moore
Morgan	Moss	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	Teepie
Terrible	Vaughan	Waters
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--115

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. ALEXANDER and RUTHERFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Thursday, May 8.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

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.”

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CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3408
Date: ADD:
05/28/25 W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3435
Date: ADD:
05/28/25 BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3630
Date: ADD:
05/28/25 POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3631
Date: ADD:
05/28/25 POPE

CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED

Bill Number: H. 3779
Date: ADD:
05/28/25 BURNS

CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED

Bill Number: H. 4397
Date: REMOVE:
05/28/25 WILLIS

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4025--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4025 -- Conference Report

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 28, 2025

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE
APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET

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THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

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

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Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Harvey Smith Peeler, Jr.	/s/Rep. Bruce Wyche Bannister
/s/Sen. Thomas C. Alexander	/s/Rep. Leonidas E. "Leon" Stavrinakis
/s/Sen. Darrell Jackson, Sr.	/s/Rep. William Lee Hewitt III
On Part of the Senate.	On Part of the House.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Conference Report.

Rep. WHITE spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. LANDING spoke upon the Conference Report.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. GUFFEY spoke in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. TEEPLE spoke against the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Clyburn	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson

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Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Luck	Martin	McDaniel
McGinnis	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Waters	Wetmore	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Duncan
Edgerton	Frank	Gilreath
Huff	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Kilmartin	King	Magnuson
May	McCravy	Mitchell
Morgan	Pace	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Teeple	Terrible
White		

Total--25

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

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STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4025. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. Terry Alexander

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has overridden the Veto by the Governor on S. 136 by a vote of 44 to 0.

(R. 86, S. 136) -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST. - RATIFIED TITLE

Very respectfully,
President

R. 86, S. 136--ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER ordered the following Veto printed in the Journal:

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Thomas C. Alexander
President of the South Carolina Senate
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

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Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-86, S. 136, which seeks to require prosecutors in South Carolina to dismiss pending charges for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to section 16-23-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended by the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, "if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of that Act. As the General Assembly may recall, I vetoed nearly identical legislation last year. *See* S. 1166 (R-200), 125th Gen. Assembly, 2nd Reg. Sess. (May 21, 2024). While the Senate voted to override my objections to that bill, the House of Representatives declined to do so.

Although I appreciate that the General Assembly included language in this year's legislation to address law enforcement's concerns that the blanket dismissal of these charges could theoretically serve as the basis for wrongful arrest lawsuits, given that that the operative language in S. 136 is nearly identical to last year's bill, my fundamental objections to the legislation remain unchanged. As a former United States Attorney and South Carolina Attorney General, I have great respect and admiration for prosecutors and recognize the important role that prosecutorial discretion plays in our criminal justice system. I am therefore wary of any attempt to limit that authority and discretion. Every case is unique, and the prosecutors in our State should be permitted to evaluate each case based on the law and the facts and then proceed as they deem appropriate. Some charges might warrant dismissal; other charges may warrant continued prosecution. Unfortunately, S. 136 would universally strip prosecutors of the ability to make such individualized determinations.

I similarly remain skeptical of, and opposed to, S. 136's mandatory, blanket dismissals of pending criminal charges for another reason: When the defendants who would benefit from these dismissals committed their alleged crimes, their alleged actions were, in fact, unlawful. To be sure, those actions might not be illegal today, but that distinction misses the critical point that such actions were illegal at the time they were committed. I have repeatedly noted by belief in the importance of upholding and adhering to the Rule of Law, which requires not only that everyone follow the law as written but also that the law apply equally to every person. If a person disobeys the law, consequences-including potential criminal prosecution-may follow, even if a person believes a

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law should be changed. Just as all speeding tickets would not automatically disappear if a speed limit is subsequently increased, universal dismissals are rarely the answer for previous violations of a later-amended law. Likewise, I remain convinced that blanket dismissals are unnecessary in this context.

As a practical matter, continuing to pw-sue criminal charges despite an intervening change in law may make for a difficult prosecution, but if a prosecutor determines that the facts warrant prosecution, I do not believe that it is appropriate for the General Assembly to obviate that discretionary authority, in all cases, in the abstract. While I am advised that the universe of pending charges for unlawful possession of a handgun, without companion offenses, is particularly limited, to the extent that this bill's proponents have generally claimed that these remaining charges are the product of procedural stagnation rather than prosecutorial discretion, I am confident that our State's Circuit Solicitors will expeditiously review these pending charges and determine whether to proceed based on the facts and the law. To the extent further analysis or assistance may be required, by copy of this letter, I am simultaneously advising the Attorney General of this matter in view of his role as "the chief prosecuting officer of the State with authority to supervise the prosecution of all criminal cases in courts of record." S.C. Const. art. V, § 24.

For the foregoing reasons, I am respectfully vetoing R-86, S. 136 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,
Henry Dargan McMaster

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4025:

H. 4025 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR

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THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 4025--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

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

**RATIFICATION OF ACTS
FOR MAY 20, 2025**

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 82, S. 28) -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Sutton, Cromer, Verdin, Kennedy, Climer and Zell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
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(R. 83, S. 29) -- Senators Hutto, Reichenbach, Goldfinch, Leber, Jackson, Alexander, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen, Chaplin, Devine, Adams, Young, Garrett, Elliott, Turner, Ott, Graham, Cromer, Verdin and Kennedy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE DISSEMINATION OF HARMFUL MATERIAL TO MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-412 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR ARREST WARRANTS WHEN THE OFFENSE INCLUDES MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE MINORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF MINORS IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE ON THE APPROPRIATE TIERS OF THE REGISTRY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-462, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
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(R. 84, S. 74) -- Senators Hembree, Leber, Elliott, Garrett, Ott, Kimbrell, Graham, Zell, Kennedy and Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO ISSUE ORDERS AND WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ISSUE A SUBPOENA FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN STORED SUBSCRIBER OR CUSTOMER INFORMATION RELEVANT AND MATERIAL TO AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION BY THE INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE.

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(R. 85, S. 127) -- Senators Johnson and Peeler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-11-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE CATAWBA NATION WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-11-43 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CATAWBA NATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS FOR ADMISSION.

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(R. 86, S. 136) -- Senators Tedder, Leber, Kimbrell and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

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(R. 87, S. 156) -- Senators Alexander, Rankin, Garrett, Stubbs, Adams, Bennett, Kimbrell, Young, Turner, Peeler and Walker: AN ACT 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 VIOLATIONS, TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH PERSONS SHALL NOT BE PROSECUTED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-INDUCED HOMICIDE.

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(R. 88, S. 210) -- Senator Turner: AN ACT 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 SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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(R. 89, S. 214) -- Senators Massey and Jackson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE

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COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMISSION AND TO REMOVE COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-20, RELATING TO SUBJECTS OF STUDY FOR THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO STUDY SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION OF COMMUNITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-40, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN DUTIES.

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(R. 90, S. 507) -- Senators Peeler, Alexander and Turner: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

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(R. 91, S. 623) -- Senator Goldfinch: AN ACT TO EXEMPT GEORGETOWN COUNTY FROM CERTAIN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS AND TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO INSTEAD ENFORCE AE STANDARDS IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY'S FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

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(R. 92, H. 3292) -- Reps. Hixon, Pedalino, W. Newton, Forrest, B.L. Cox, Erickson, Taylor, Hartz, Atkinson and Pace: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PASSENGERS MUST WEAR SAFETY BELTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.

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(R. 93, H. 3571)-- Reps. Hiott, Guffey, J.L. Johnson, Pedalino, Neese and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR "COMMENCEMENT DATE," "LARGE PROJECT," "LARGE PROJECT FACILITY LOCATION AGREEMENT," "NOTICE," "PRE-MARKING," "PRIVATE FACILITY," "PROJECT INITIATOR," AND "SOFT DIGGING," AND TO AMEND THE DEFINITIONS OF "EXCAVATE," "EXCAVATOR," AND "OPERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-50, RELATING TO THE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION NOTIFICATION CENTER, SO AS TO CLARIFY OPERATOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE NOTIFICATION CENTER'S DUTIES, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-60, RELATING TO NOTICES OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE OR DEMOLISH, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TIME FOR NOTICE FOR CERTAIN EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND OTHER CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-70, RELATING TO INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY OPERATORS, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO EXCAVATORS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT DATE, REQUIRE QUARTERLY REPORTS OF DAMAGES CAUSED BY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS, AND TO CLARIFY PAYMENTS OF CIVIL PENALTIES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY EXCAVATIONS OR DEMOLITIONS EXEMPT FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES, SO AS ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION AND RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE A FALSE CLAIM OF AN EMERGENCY A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-90, RELATING TO NOTICES OF DAMAGES, SO AS TO REQUIRE EXCAVATORS TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT ANY KNOWN DAMAGES TO THE NOTIFICATION CENTER AND FACILITY OPERATOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-100, RELATING TO DESIGN REQUESTS AND OPERATOR RESPONSES, SO AS TO ADD REFERENCES TO LARGE PROJECTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-110, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM NOTICE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO STRIKE CURRENT PROVISIONS;

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BY AMENDING SECTION 58-36-120, RELATING TO PENALTIES AND CIVIL REMEDIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT PROCESS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-36-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR LARGE PROJECTS.

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(R. 94, H. 3752) -- Reps. Gilliam, Lawson, Pope, Mitchell, Guffey, Oremus, Brewer, Chapman, M.M. Smith, B.L. Cox, W. Newton and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT 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, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-63-32 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS FOR SOCIAL WORKER LICENSURE APPLICANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERMITTED USES OF THE RESULTS OF THESE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS; TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SUCH CERTIFICATION SHALL UNDERGO CERTAIN FINGERPRINT-BASED STATE AND FEDERAL CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO AUTHORIZE THE RETENTION AND SPECIFIC USES OF SUCH FINGERPRINTS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATIONS.

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(R. 95, H. 4247) -- Reps. Herbkersman and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-10, RELATING TO STATE COMMODITY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE STATE COMMODITY CODE BE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-40, RELATING TO TRANSACTIONS WHERE PROHIBITION IS NOT APPLICABLE, SO AS TO ADD AGENTS OR

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INVESTMENT ADVISOR REPRESENTATIVES AS INDIVIDUALS SUBJECT TO ORDERS TO DENY, SUSPEND, OR REVOKE A PERSON'S LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-60, RELATING TO PROHIBITED ACTS, SO AS TO REPLACE SECTION 39-73-310 WITH SECTION 39-73-30; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-315, RELATING TO ADMINISTRATOR ACTIONS TO PREVENT VIOLATIONS OR IMMINENT VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR CAN ISSUE ORDERS RELATED TO ANY ACTION THAT MAY VIOLATE THIS CHAPTER; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-320, RELATING TO LEGAL, EQUITABLE, AND SPECIAL REMEDIES AVAILABLE TO A COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY MAINTAIN AN ACTION IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-325, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR MAY REFER VIOLATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATE DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL OR OTHER AUTHORITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-330, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS CHAPTER, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-340, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, FORMS, AND ORDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-350, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF SECTIONS 39-73-20, 39-73-50, AND 39-73-60 TO PERSONS WHO SELL, BUY, OR OFFER TO SELL OR BUY COMMODITIES IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR APPLICABLE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMUNICATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-360, RELATING TO JUDICIAL REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 39-73-370, RELATING TO DEFENSE IN A CASE BASED ON FAILURE TO MAKE PHYSICAL DELIVERY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING SECTION 39-73-375 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY RETAIN FUNDS FROM FINES AND PENALTIES TO OFFSET RELEVANT EXPENSES; BY REPEALING SECTION 39-73-355 RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS,

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SO AS TO PROVIDE WHAT DATA IS USED TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS.

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(R. 96, H. 4267) -- Reps. Landing, Hager, Teeple, Hartnett, Vaughan, Wickensimer and Bustos: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-320 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER AS "MAYFLOWER COMPACT DAY."

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**RATIFICATION OF ACTS
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Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 97, H. 4025) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 2:20 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HOSEY, adjourned in memory of Dawan E. "Pookie" Smith, to meet pursuant to the provisions of S. 292, the Sine Die Adjournment Resolution.

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