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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026  
(STATEWIDE SESSION)

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Jeff Lingerfelt as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 34:10: “The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the Lord shall not be in want of any good thing.”

Let us pray: Our God and our Father, Blessed be the name of the Lord. From this time forth and forever more. From the rising of the sun until it’s setting your name O Lord is to be praised. For you are high above all nations. Your glory is above the heavens. Who is like our God, enthroned on high, who delights in using men of clay feet to accomplish your providential purposes on earth. We are here as your deacons to administer Your sovereign will in the governmental affairs of this State. What is man that you can use him for your good pleasure. As you have instructed us that those who seek the Lord, shall not lack any good thing. O Lord assist in our finite plans. The Psalmist instructs us that man plans his ways, but YOU, the LORD, direct his steps. Reminding us that “the king’s heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord and you move it wherever YOU desire”. Please grant your servants’ wisdom that we may please you in all that is needed in this chamber for the good of this great state. O God Hear and answer our humble supplications and petitions for your great names’ sake. 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.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. JORDAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Naoma Marie Geist Lowe, mother of Representative Lowe, which was agreed to.

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**STATEMENT BY REP. JONES**

Rep. JONES made a statement relative to the public service and legacy of former Representative and Senator Theo Mitchell.

**Theo Mitchell  
A Black History Month Tribute**

Today, as we observe Black History Month, I want to recognize an Upstate South Carolinian whose life reminds us that progress inside democratic institutions has often required uncommon courage — Theo Mitchell of Greenville.

Theo Mitchell is a civil rights attorney, a community advocate, and a public servant who believes that the law should do more than preserve order — it should advance justice. At a time when silence was safer and conformity was rewarded, he chose conviction over comfort.

He served this state in both chambers of the General Assembly, first in the South Carolina House of Representatives and later in the South Carolina Senate, during a period when Black representation in this body was still rare. He understood that simply occupying a seat was not enough. Representation without courage does not move history forward.

Theo Mitchell was frequently outspoken, sometimes isolated, and often criticized — but he remained committed to using his voice to challenge inequity and to press the institutions he served to live up to the principles they claimed to uphold. He believed that silence in the face of injustice was not neutrality, but complicity.

His willingness to challenge systems did not stop with legislative service. In 1990, Theo Mitchell became the Democratic nominee for Governor of South Carolina, making history as the first Black South Carolinian nominated by a major political party for that office. His candidacy expanded what was considered possible and reminded this state that leadership should never be limited by race, fear, or tradition. What makes Theo Mitchell's legacy especially meaningful is that he did not abandon the system — he confronted it from within. He understood that laws shape lives, and that those entrusted with power carry a moral responsibility to speak, even when doing so comes at personal cost.

His life reminds us that Black history in South Carolina is not only a story of endurance or protest, but of moral courage exercised inside rooms of power — rooms like this one.

As we reflect during Black History Month, may we remember leaders like Theo Mitchell, whose willingness to serve, speak, and sacrifice helped widen the path toward justice for those who came after him.

Rep. Wendell Jones

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**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Naoma Marie Geist Lowe, mother of Representative Lowe.

**SILENT PRAYER**

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Spann-Wilder.

**COMMUNICATION**

The following was received:

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

February 12, 2026

The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk

House of Representatives

Post Office Box 11867

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find S.C. Department of Public Health's (Department) designation of 4-Fluoroamphetamine (4-F A; 1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine; para-fluoroamphetamine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substance Act ("CSA"). Pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the Department shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a final rule placing 4-Fluoroamphetamine (4-FA; 1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine; para-fluoroamphetamine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective February 17, 2026. F.R. Volume 91, Number 10, pp 1692-1695.

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity

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with federal law. Schedule I controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.

As required by law, the enclosed Department Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ashley C. Biggers  
Chief Counsel for Healthcare Quality Enclosure

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**Placement of 4-Fluoroamphetamine in Schedule I  
for Controlled Substances**

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Department of Public Health shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a final rule placing 4-Fluoroamphetamine (4-FA; 1-(4-fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine; para-fluoroamphetamine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act ("CSA"), effective February 17, 2026. F.R. Volume 91, Number 10, pp 1692-1695;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that 4-Fluoroamphetamine has a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed 4-Fluoroamphetamine in Schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of 4-Fluoroamphetamine (4-FA; 1-(4- fluorophenyl)propan-2-amine;para-fluoroamphetamine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act:

Edward D. Simmer. MD, MPH, DLFAPA

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Interim Director, S.C. Department of Public Health  
February 11, 2026  
Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

**MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE**

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., February 24, 2026

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,  
President

On motion of Rep. OREMUS the invitation was accepted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5219 -- Reprs. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 MENDY CORDER,

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MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR THE CITY OF CAYCE, AS SHE RETIRES AFTER TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN HER WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5220 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN PHYSICIAN HIS EXCELLENCY JEAN KASEYA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE AFRICA CENTRES FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (AFRICA CDC).

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5221 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey,

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Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN INDUSTRIAL LEADER ABDOUL KARIM DIALLO, DIRECTOR GENERAL, SOCIÉTÉ NOUVELLE DE COMMERCE S.A. (SONOCO GROUP) IN WEST AFRICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5222 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks,

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Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. DINESH SHUKLA, CHANCELLOR AND FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY WEST AFRICA, FOR TRANSFORMING AFRICAN EDUCATION THROUGH VISIONARY LEADERSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5223 -- Reprs. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 GENERAL ABDELKÄRIM CHARFADINE "BÄGUERA," DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE NATIONAL MINING AND MARKETING COMPANY AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR ADVANCING SOVEREIGN RESOURCE GOVERNANCE IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5224 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Laster, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 A.C. FLORA HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADING TEAM, THEIR COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAA COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5225 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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,

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The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5226 -- Reps. Hiott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 THE PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5227 -- Reps. Govan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JESSIE BENJAMIN JEFFCOAT AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5228 -- 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, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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,

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The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5229 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, Williams, Yow, Luck, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, D. 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, Scott, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Willis and Wooten: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS

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THE BELIEF OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE DARLINGTON RACEWAY ON CONTINUING TO HOST TWO NASCAR RACE WEEKENDS THAT GENERATE SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, MARCH 15-22, 2026, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5230 -- Reprs. Gagnon, McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 CONGRATULATE WARE SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL OF GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 51 UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY; TO COMMEND THE SCHOOL ON ITS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST CENTURY; AND TO WISH

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ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ALUMNI WELL AS THEY CONTINUE TO HOLD HIGH THE FOUNDING STANDARDS OF WARE SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5231 -- Reps. Taylor, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus, Hartz, Cobb-Hunter, Hosey, Govan, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, Gibson, Lastinger, McCabe, White, Wooten and Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GARY L. STOOKSBURY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AIKEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXPRESS PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR HIS THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A FULFILLING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

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	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan

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Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total Present--117**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WATERS a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to a family commitment.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. MONTGOMERY a leave of absence for the day.

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The SPEAKER granted Rep. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The SPEAKER granted Rep. LOWE a temporary leave of absence due to a death in the family.

**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. 3530  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 GILLIARD

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3630  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 REESE

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3631  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 REESE

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3774  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 RIVERS and GILLIARD

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3934  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 D. MITCHELL and MAGNUSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4103  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4622  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4624  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4709  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 ANDERSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4730  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 WILLIAMS and ANDERSON

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4752  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 ANDERSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4763  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4767  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 DUNCAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4791  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 ANDERSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5113  
Date: REMOVE:  
02/24/26 CHAPMAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5114  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 FRANK and HUFF

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5140  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 ANDERSON

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5162  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 ANDERSON, HENDERSON-MYERS, GOVAN,  
OREMUS, HARTZ and WICKENSIMER

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5205  
Date: ADD:  
02/24/26 GOVAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 5115  
Date: REMOVE:  
02/24/26 HARRIS

**H. 3774--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3774 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Stavrinakis, Jordan, McCravy, C. Mitchell, Hart, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 42-1-560, RELATING TO THE NOTICE REQUIREMENT FOR FILING A THIRD-PARTY ACTION IN A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM, SO AS TO MAKE THE FILING OF A NOTICE FORM PERMISSIVE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

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Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--112**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 3530--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Robbins, T. Moore, Henderson-Myers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE

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CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.

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

**S. 337--RECOMMITTED**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 337 -- Senator Reichenbach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-640, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF BLUE CATFISH, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DAILY LIMIT OF SEVENTY-FIVE BLUE CATFISH IN STATE WATERWAYS OTHER THAN IN LAKE MARION, LAKE MOULTRIE, AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

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Rep. HIXON moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to.

**H. 4163--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4163 -- Reps. Erickson, Bowers, Bradley, Crawford, Davis, Pedalino, Hartnett, Neese, M. M. Smith, Oremus, Lawson, Vaughan, Herbkersman, B. J. Cox, Collins, Cox, Forrest, Brewer, Burns, Gatch, Haddon, Hager, Hixon, Murphy, Taylor, Whitmire, Teeple, Guest, Alexander and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 9 TO TITLE 59, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, AND GOVERNANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION; TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, INCLUDING CHARTER SCHOOLS, MAY NOT JOIN OR AFFILIATE WITH ANY OTHER ENTITY WITHIN THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNING, SANCTIONING, OR OPERATING INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMS; AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TRANSFER STUDENTS, HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS, PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND APPEALS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, March 3, which was agreed to.

**H. 4709--REQUEST FOR DEBATE AND ORDERED TO  
THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4709 -- Reps. Yow, C. Mitchell, M. M. Smith, Williams, Willis, Schuessler, Erickson, Bradley, Kirby, Brewer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-35-5350 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC ENTITY ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT OR FOR THE PURCHASE OF MATERIALS FOR A PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT MUST INCLUDE IN THE CONTRACT

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A REQUIREMENT THAT ANY IRON OR STEEL PRODUCT PERMANENTLY INCORPORATED IN THE PROJECT BE PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

Rep. BAMBERG requested debate on the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; 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	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese

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Rivers	Robbins	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--105**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 4730--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4730 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, Wooten, Ligon, Williams and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF SIGN AND BILLBOARD INSTALLATION, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCLUDE BILLBOARD STRUCTURES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4730 (LC-4730.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-11-360(11) and inserting:

(11) The installation, repair, or maintenance of signs~~, of~~ billboards~~, or~~ single pole billboard structures; provided, however, an electrical license is required to perform a final connection to a branch circuit conductor. The installation or modification of a branch circuit conductor is not considered a part of the installation, repair, or maintenance of a sign~~, of~~ billboard~~, or~~ single pole billboard structure.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

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The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Teeple

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Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
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**Total--109**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**S. 583--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE**

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 583 -- Senators Davis, Massey and Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS REQUIRED FOR LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO REVISE PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTRUCTION, AND TO DEFINE "PHYSICAL ATTENDANCE."

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 583 (LC-583.PH0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect ~~upon approval by the Governor on~~ [July 1, 2026](#).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

Reps. KING, GOVAN, HOWARD, GRANT, LUCK, HART and WILLIAMS requested debate on the Bill.

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**H. 4752--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4752 -- Reps. Wooten, McCabe, Edgerton, White and Anderson:  
A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY  
AMENDING SECTION 40-7-230, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS  
FOR LICENSURE AS A BARBER, SO AS TO REMOVE THE  
APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENT.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the  
following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4752 (LC-4752.WAB0004H), which  
was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by  
adding:

Article 5

Barbers and Barbering

Section 40-13-510. No person may engage in the practice of  
barbering, master barbering, or hair braiding unless the person is  
licensed or registered in accordance with this article.

Section 40-13-520. (A) The board shall issue a license as a barber  
to a person who submits an application to include a current photograph,  
pays the application fee prescribed by the board, and demonstrates the  
applicant:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and has achieved a ninth grade  
education or its equivalent;

(2) has completed at least:

(a) 1,500 verified hours in classes in a barber school or college  
approved by the board; or

(b) 1,920 verified hours of training under the personal  
supervision of a board-licensed barber instructor or master barber  
instructor; or

(c) 1,540 verified hours in classes in a secondary school  
program; and

(3) has passed the examination prescribed by the board.

(B) The board shall issue a license as a master barber to a person  
who submits an application to include a current photograph, pays the  
application fee prescribed by the board, and demonstrates the applicant:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and has completed a ninth grade  
education or the equivalent;

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(2) has completed at least:

(a) 1,500 verified hours in classes in a barber school or college approved by the board; or

(b) 1,920 verified hours of training under the personal supervision of a board-licensed master barber instructor; or

(c) 1,540 verified hours in classes in a secondary school program; and

(3) has passed the master barber examination prescribed by the board.

(C) The board shall issue a license as a master barber to:

(1) a cosmetologist licensed under this article who submits an application to include a current photograph, pays the application fee prescribed by the board, and demonstrates the applicant has:

(a) satisfied educational requirements prescribed by the board in regulation or who has two or more years' continuous experience working as a cosmetologist; and

(b) passed the examination required by the board. The examination shall include a basic tapered haircut and straight razor facial shave.

(D) Students shall be issued a one-year student permit prior to beginning instruction. In the absence of extraordinary circumstances as determined by the board, a student only may receive four such permits.

(E)(1) The board shall issue a license to practice as a barber instructor or a master barber instructor to a person who submits an application to include a current photograph, pays the application fee prescribed by the board, and demonstrates the applicant:

(a) has a high school diploma or its equivalent;

(b) has three years' experience as a practicing barber or a practicing master barber;

(c) has passed a method of teaching course prescribed by the board prior to taking the instructor's examination;

(d) has passed an instructor's examination as prescribed by the board; and

(e) meets other qualifications as established by the board in regulation.

(2) A barber meeting these qualifications shall be issued a barber instructor license and a master barber meeting these qualifications may be issued a master barber instructor license. Instructors licensed by the board as of the effective date of this section may continue to practice as barber instructors or as master barber instructors; however, if their license lapses or expires, the instructor must meet all requirements for

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instructor licensure effective at the time of lapse or expiration.

(F) Any individual registered with the board as a barber assistant as of the effective date of this section may continue to practice as a barber assistant, and is subject to all relevant renewal and disciplinary provisions herein. Failure to timely renew the barber assistant registration results in lapse of the registration, and it cannot be reinstated.

(G) A barber assistant only may work under the direct supervision of a barber or master barber in a licensed barbershop.

(H) A holder of a license under this article shall display the license in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near his work chair.

Section 40-13-530. (A) Upon completion of all education training hours, an applicant for examination may apply for a nonrenewable ninety-day temporary work permit, by submitting an application that includes the following:

- (1) application on a form approved by the board;
- (2) 2x2 inch passport type photograph of the applicant;
- (3) name of licensee supervisor agreeing to provide direct supervision of the applicant; and
- (4) signed training affidavit verifying completion of education or training.

(B) A temporary work permit allows a license candidate to work under the direct supervision of an appropriately credentialed board licensee for up to ninety days after completion of the education or training hours. The permittee cannot provide services without being under direct supervision and may not be a manager of a barbershop or a mobile barbershop.

(C) The temporary work permit must be displayed in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near the person's work chair.

(D) A temporary work permittee is:

- (1) subject to and must follow all applicable board statutes and regulations; and
- (2) subject to discipline in the same manner as a licensee.

Section 40-13-540. (A) An applicant for an examination shall apply to the board on forms approved and furnished by the board, and the application shall contain proof under the applicant's oath of the particular qualifications of the applicant. The applicant shall submit the required fee with the application.

(B) The board shall conduct examinations of applicants for licensure at such times and places as prescribed by the board. The examination of applicants for licensure as barbers and master barbers shall include practical demonstrations and oral and/or written tests of

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theory as the board may prescribe.

Section 40-13-550. (A) All persons licensed or registered under this article must renew their license or registration biennially on or before a date designated by the board, by submitting a renewal application and paying the required license renewal fee.

(B) A licensee or registrant who fails to timely renew their license or registration may have their license or registration reinstated upon submission of a reinstatement application and payment of the required reinstatement fee, if the license or registration has been expired for three years or less. A licensee or registrant whose license or registration has been expired for more than three years must submit an application, pay the reinstatement fee, and pass all parts of the board-required examination specific to that license or registration.

Section 40-13-560. (A) An individual may operate a mobile barbershop if the individual:

(1) is licensed pursuant to this article to engage in the practice of barbering; and

(2) does not have a stationary office at the location where the barbering services are provided.

(B) In order to operate a mobile barbershop, a barber shall apply to the board for a mobile barbershop permit. The barber shall submit a permit application and fee in the form and manner prescribed by the board in regulation.

(C)(1) Before a mobile barbershop permit may be issued, an inspection of the mobile barbershop must be conducted by a representative of the board as required pursuant to Section 40-13-600. Upon a satisfactory inspection, the board shall issue the applicant a mobile barbershop biennial permit to be affixed within the mobile barbershop as prescribed by the board.

(2) A mobile barbershop permit must be biennially renewed, and a renewal fee paid, as prescribed by the board in regulation.

(3) A mobile barbershop is subject to unannounced inspections and must be annually inspected before a permit may be renewed.

(D)(1) A mobile barbershop permittee shall maintain an official business address, which must be indicated on the permit application and which must not be a post office box. If an address different from the official business address is used for official business, then that address must also be provided. Permit applications must also include the home address of the applicant. The inclusion of the applicant's home address on the application does authorize the applicant to conduct business at his home address if the applicant is issued a license.

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(2) A mobile barbershop permittee shall maintain an official telephone number, which must be indicated on the application. If other phones are used for official business, then those phone numbers must also be provided.

(3) The board must be notified within thirty days of any change in the official business address or telephone number as indicated on the permit application or as otherwise provided to the board.

(E) A mobile barbershop permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the practice of barbering and with all applicable flammability, construction, sanitation, zoning, or infectious waste management guidelines; Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines; and federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. The permittee shall maintain any applicable county and city licenses or permits, including business licenses, to operate the mobile barbershop at the location where barbering services will be provided.

(F) A mobile barbershop permittee shall maintain a written or an electronic record of the street addresses where barbering services will be provided during any two-week period.

(G) A barber at all times must be in charge and present during the operation of a mobile barbershop and is responsible for all barbering services provided at the mobile barbershop.

(H)(1) A mobile barbershop permittee shall notify the board in writing within thirty days of the last day of operations when a mobile barbershop ceases to operate.

(2) A mobile barbershop permit is not transferable. If a mobile barbershop is sold, the new owner shall apply to the board for a permit before providing barbering services through the mobile barbershop.

(I) The board shall promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section including, but not limited to, establishing permit application and renewal fees.

(J) A barber who violates a provision of this article or a regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to this chapter is subject to disciplinary action as may be determined by the board.

(K) The provisions of this section do not apply to a master barber or barber while providing barbering services in a nursing home or community residential care facility setting equipped and maintained in compliance with regulations and other requirements concerning the equipping and maintenance of barbershops.

(L) A mobile barbershop is prohibited from operating within eyesight of the nearest registered barbershop.

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(M) A holder of a license for any category of barbering is authorized by this chapter shall display it in a conspicuous place adjacent to or near the person's work chair. The holder of a license shall affix to the license a passport-type photograph of the license holder.

Section 40-13-570. (A) Only those individuals who are licensed to practice barbering, cosmetology, hairstyling, or who are registered to practice hair braiding in this State may engage in the practice of hair braiding or perform hair braiding services in this State.

(B) All implements used in connection with hair braiding must be disposable or must be sanitized in a disinfectant approved for hospital use or approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for commercial use.

(C) To practice hair braiding in this State an individual shall:

(1) apply to the board for registration by submitting an application and a 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of applicant, in a manner prescribed by the board;

(2) provide satisfactory proof of successful completion of a one-day, six-hour board approved hair braiding course;

(3) pass an examination administered by the board; and

(4) pay the required twenty-five dollar registration fee.

(D) The hair braiding course shall include instruction regarding:

(1) sanitation and sterilization including:

(a) universal sanitation and sterilization precautions;

(b) how to distinguish between disinfectants and antiseptics;

and

(c) how to sanitize hands and disinfect tools used in the practice of hair braiding;

(2) disorders and diseases of the scalp, including:

(a) how to distinguish between these disorders and diseases;

and

(b) when hair braiding services can be performed on a client with disorders or diseases of the scalp;

(3) where and when an individual may legally practice hair braiding; and

(4) the procedures, fees, and requirements for renewal of a hair braiding registration.

(E) Registration to practice hair braiding is valid for two years or until the end of the biennial licensure renewal cycle in which the registration is first issued, whichever occurs first. The holder of a registration to practice hair braiding shall renew his registration by submitting a renewal application and paying the renewal fee.

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(F) A registered hair braider who fails to timely renew their registration may have their registration reinstated upon submission of a reinstatement application and payment of the required reinstatement fee, if the registration has been expired for three years or less. A registered hair braider whose registration has been expired for more than three years may have their registration reinstated upon submission of a reinstatement application, payment of the reinstatement fee, and passing the board-required examination.

Section 40-13-580. (A) A barber or master barber training a student in a shop must have had three years' experience as a barber and must have been examined and licensed by the board and determined to be qualified to train a student barber. A barber found qualified after examination must be issued an instructor's license as a barber instructor or master barber instructor.

(B) A person registered as a barber instructor or as a master barber instructor may train no more than two students at a time if each student has a chair at all times.

Section 40-13-590. (A) A person currently licensed to practice barbering in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory who was licensed in 2006 or later may be issued a license in this State if the applicant's current license is in good standing, and if the applicant has passed a national examination acceptable to the board, submits a completed application for a license to include license verification, and pays the application fee. The application shall include a current 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(B) A person currently licensed to practice barbering in another state, the District of Columbia or a United States territory who was licensed prior to 2006 may be issued a license if the applicant's current license is in good standing, and if the applicant has passed the state's licensing examination, submits a completed application for a license, including license verification, and pays the application fee. The application shall include a current 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(C) An applicant for licensure under this section is eligible to be licensed only at a level equivalent to the license currently held.

(D) A person currently licensed as a barber instructor in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory who was licensed in 2006 or later, up to the effective date of this section, may be issued an instructor license in this State if the applicant's current license is in good standing, if the applicant has passed a national examination acceptable to the board, and submits a completed application for a

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license to include license verification, and pays the application fee. The application shall include a current 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(E) A person currently licensed as a barber instructor in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory who was licensed prior to 2006 may be issued an instructor license if the applicant's current license is in good standing, and if the applicant has passed the state licensing examination, submits a completed application for a license, including license verification, and pays the application fee. The application shall include a current 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(F) A person currently licensed as a barber instructor in another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States territory who was licensed after the effective date of this section, may be issued an instructor license in this State if the applicant's current license is in good standing, if the applicant has passed a national examination acceptable to the board and has also successfully completed a methods of teaching course acceptable to the board, and pays the application fee. The application shall include a current 2x2 inch passport-type photograph of the applicant.

(G) An applicant for instructor licensure under this section is eligible to be licensed only at a level equivalent to the license currently held.

Section 40-13-600. (A) A barbershop must be licensed by the board and must be managed by a board-licensed barber or master barber. The manager shall be responsible for the barbershop's compliance with this article and board regulations, and for the compliance of all individuals working in the barbershop. Applications for licensure and inspection of new shops must be made at least fifteen working days before opening the shop. No new shop may be operated until all fees are paid and the shop has passed inspection.

(B) A copy of the license, the most recent inspection report, and a copy of the regulations for the sanitary management of a barbershop must be posted in a conspicuous place in each barbershop.

(C) The members of the board, or their authorized agents, may enter a barbershop, mobile barbershop or barber school at any reasonable time for the purposes of inspection.

Section 40-13-610. The board may issue a student permit to an inmate in the custody of the State Department of Corrections who otherwise qualifies, and is attending a licensed barber school or college within the correctional facility.

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Section 40-13-620. (A) A license is required from the board to operate a barber school. A barber school may be operated in and as part of an accredited high school, career center, or technical school or college and must be licensed by the board. A barber school that is not part of a secondary school is considered a postsecondary school. The board shall prescribe the curriculum of a barber school. A copy of the most recent inspection report and a copy of the regulations for the sanitary management of a barbershop must be posted in a conspicuous place in each barber school.

(B) A barber or master barber instructing students in a school must be licensed by the board as a registered barber instructor or as a master barber instructor.

Section 40-13-630. These persons are exempt from this article while engaged in the proper discharge of their professional duties:

(1) persons authorized under the laws of this State to practice medicine and surgery;

(2) commissioned medical or surgical officers of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine hospital service;

(3) registered nurses;

(4) undertakers;

(5) persons authorized by state law to practice cosmetology, but only when they are practicing in salons or schools of cosmetology or barbershops; and

(6) persons performing shampoos under the direct supervision of a barber or master barber.

SECTION 2. Chapter 13, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-13-365. (A)(1) An individual may operate a portable operation if the individual:

(a) is licensed pursuant to this chapter to engage in cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician services; and

(b) has been issued a current portable operation permit that must have a base of operations that is a licensed salon.

(2) An individual may apply to the board for a portable cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician operation permit by submitting an application on a form prescribed by the board and paying the initial permit fee. The application shall include:

(a) the home address of the applicant, provided that including the applicant's home address on the application does not authorize the applicant to conduct business at his home address; and

(b) the portable operations business telephone number. If other

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telephones are used in the operation of the portable operation, then the numbers for those telephones must also be included.

(3) Upon application approval, the board shall issue a permit card to be carried by the cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician when practicing cosmetology pursuant to his permit.

(4) A portable cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician operation permit must be biennially renewed by submitting a renewal application on a form prescribed by the board and paying a permit renewal fee.

(5) The temporary location at which the portable operation permittee is providing services must have sufficient facilities to allow for the services provided to be performed in a safe and sanitary manner in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

(B) A cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician may provide only those services in a portable operation within the scope of his credential type.

(C) A portable operation permittee shall comply with all applicable state laws regulations pertaining to the practice of cosmetology.

(D) A portable operation permittee shall maintain a written or an electronic record of the street addresses where cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician services are provided during any two-week period.

(E) A permit issued pursuant to this section is not transferable.

(F) A cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician who violates a provision of this section or a regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to this section is subject to disciplinary action as may be determined by the board.

SECTION 3. Section 40-13-5 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-5. Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, Article 1, Chapter 1 applies to cosmetologists, [hair braiders](#), [hair stylists](#), nail technicians, ~~and~~ estheticians, [and barbers](#) regulated or administered, or both, by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. If there is a conflict between this chapter and Article 1, Chapter 1, the provisions of this chapter control.

SECTION 4. Section 40-13-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-10. (A)(1) A State Board of Cosmetology [and Barbering](#) is created composed of ~~seven~~[nine](#) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies are filled in the manner of original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term. Recommendations for appointment may be made by the board

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and other interested groups or persons. The recommendations must be submitted to the Governor not later than the thirty-first day of December of the year preceding the year in which appointments expire. ~~Four members of the board must be experienced cosmetologists and must have been in the practice of cosmetology in this State for at least five years before appointment. One member must be from the public at large and not connected with the practice of cosmetology. One member must be an esthetician and one must be a nail technician.~~ In comprising the board, there must be:

(a) two members who are experienced cosmetologists and have been in the practice of cosmetology in this State for at least five years before appointment;

(b) one member must have at least five years of practical experience as a licensed esthetician;

(c) one member must have at least five years of practical experience as a licensed nail technician;

(d) one member must have had at least five years of practical experience as a barber;

(e) one member must have at least five years of practical experience as a master barber;

(f) one member must be affiliated with a school of barbering as an owner, instructor, or manager;

(g) one member must be affiliated with a school of cosmetology as an owner, instructor, or manager; and

(h) one member must be from the public at large and not connected with the practice of cosmetology or barbering or any business related thereto whatsoever.

(2) It is unlawful for a member of the board or an inspector or employee of the board, or a spouse of a board member, inspector, or employee to own an interest in a cosmetology school or barber school, or a substantial interest in a company which deals in wholesale sales or services to beauty salons, barbershops, mobile barbershops, cosmetology schools, or barber schools.

(3) The member of the board who is not connected with the practice of cosmetology or the practice of barbering has all rights and privileges of other members of the board except the member may not participate in the examination of an applicant for a license.

(B)(1) There is created an Advisory Committee to the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering composed of six members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Terms

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commence on July 1, 2027, and on April first thereafter. Vacancies on the committee must be filled in the manner of original appointment for the unexpired term.

~~(2) The following associations or groups shall recommend one person to the Governor for appointment to the committee: the National Cosmetology Association of South Carolina, the South Carolina State Cosmetologist Association, the South Carolina Vocational Directors Association, the South Carolina Association of Cosmetology Schools, the South Carolina Beauty Supply Dealers, and the teachers of cosmetology in vocational or private schools.~~Members of the advisory committee must include appointments from:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (a) post-secondary barber schools;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (b) post-secondary cosmetology schools;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (c) the State Board for Comprehensive and Technical Education;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (d) the State Department of Education, regarding secondary schools where barbering or cosmetology are taught;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (e) barber associations; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ (f) cosmetology associations.

(3) Recommendations must be submitted to the Governor not later than the thirty-first day of December of the year preceding the year in which appointments expire. The Governor may reject any person recommended for appointment upon a satisfactory showing that the person is unfit to serve. If a person is rejected, the group or association who recommended the person shall submit additional names to the Governor for consideration.

(34) Committee members shall receive the same mileage, subsistence, and per diem as provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The board shall meet with the committee quarterly to discuss problems, make recommendations, and hear reports of board policy affecting the industry. Special meetings may be called by the board upon sufficient notice. Accurate minutes of all meetings must be kept by the board as part of its public record.

SECTION 5. Section 40-13-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:  
Section 40-13-20. As used in this chapter:

- (1) "Barbershop" means a building or any part of a building in which barbering or master barbering is performed.
- (2) "Barbering" means performing on the general public for compensation any one or a combination of:
  - (a) shaving or trimming a beard, shampooing, cutting the hair, or styling the hair by any means, including hands, or mechanical or

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electrical appliances or instruments;

(b) giving cleansing facial or scalp massages or treatments to scalp, neck and face with oils, creams, lotions, or other nonchemical or nonacid preparations, either by hand or mechanical appliances that do not penetrate the epidermis of the skin;

(c) applying cosmetic preparations, antiseptics, powders, oils, clays, and lotions to the scalp, neck, or face;

(d) cutting, shaping, fitting, styling, and servicing hair pieces, toupees, wigs and non-surgical hair replacement system; and

(e) performing manicures, which are a cosmetic treatment of the hands that involves cutting, shaping, and/or polishing natural nails, removal of cuticles and softening of the skin of the hands and fingers.

(3) “Barber school” or “school” means a place or part of a place in which barbering or any of its practices are taught.

~~(1)~~(4) “Beauty salon” or “salon” means a building or any place, or part of a place or building including, but not limited to, a rental booth, in which cosmetology is performed on the general public for compensation.

~~(2)~~(5) “Cosmetology” means engaging in any of these practices or a combination of these practices when done for compensation either directly or indirectly:

(a) arranging, styling, thermal curling, chemical waving, pressing, shampooing, cutting, shaping, chemical bleaching, chemical coloring, chemical relaxing, or similar work, upon the hair, wig, or hairpiece of any person, by any means, with hands or mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances;

(b) using cosmetic preparations, make-up, antiseptics, lotions, creams, chemical preparations on, or otherwise, or waxing, tweezing, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating, beautifying, or similar work on the scalp, legs, feet, face, neck, arms, hands; or

(c) manicuring or pedicuring the nails of a person or similar work.

~~(3)~~(6) “Cosmetologist” means a person including, but not limited to, an independent contractor, not a student, who is licensed to practice cosmetology.

~~(4)~~(7) “Cosmetology school”, “beauty school”, or “school” means a place or part of a place in which cosmetology or any of its practices are taught.

~~(5)~~(8) “Esthetician” means a person including, but not limited to, an independent contractor, who is licensed to practice skin care, make-up, or similar work. Skin care is for the sole purpose of beautifying the skin.

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(9) “Hair braiding” means the twisting, braiding, weaving or interweaving of natural human hair for compensation without cutting, styling, glueing, or sewing in hair extensions, coloring, permanent waving, relaxing, removing, or chemical treatment of the hair. Hair braiding also includes the use of hair extensions, except when used in public places including, but not limited to, beaches, parks, and sidewalks.

(10) “Hair styling” means arranging, styling, thermal cooling, chemical waving, pressing, shampooing, cutting, shaping, chemical bleaching, chemical coloring, chemical relaxing, or similar work on the hair, wig, or hairpiece of a person by any means, with hands and mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliance.

~~(6)~~(11) “Independent contractor” means a licensed practitioner who rents or leases a place or part of a place in a beauty salon.

~~(7)~~(12) “Instructor” means a person who is licensed to teach barbering, cosmetology, or any practices of cosmetology in accordance with this chapter.

(13) “Mobile barbershop” means a mobile unit that is a self-contained, self-supporting enclosed motor vehicle or trailer, which is licensed as an establishment for the practice of barbering.

~~(8)~~(14) “Nail technician” means a person including, but not limited to, an independent contractor, who is licensed to practice manicuring or pedicuring the nails or similar work.

(15) “Portable barber operation” means equipment used in the practice of barbering that is in a mobile barbershop or transported from a barbershop and used on a temporary basis at a location including, but not limited to:

(a) a client’s home; or

(b) another institution or location as may be authorized by the board in regulation.

(16) “Portable cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician operation” or “portable operation” means equipment used in the practice of cosmetology and is used on a temporary basis at a location including, but not limited to:

(a) a client’s residence;

(b) a clients short-term residence;

(c) a place of business;

(d) a special event venue; or

(e) another institution or location as may be authorized by the board.

(17) “Practice of master barbering” means performing on the

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general public for compensation for all barbering services and also includes singeing or coloring the hair, or applying tonics or chemicals to wave, relax, straighten, or lighten the hair.

~~(9)~~(18) “Student” means a person who is engaged in learning or acquiring the practices of:

(a) cosmetology and, while learning, performs or assists in any of the practices of cosmetology in a school licensed under this chapter and under the instruction or immediate supervision of an instructor licensed under ~~this chapter~~ Article 3; or

(b) barbering and, while learning, performs or assists in the practice of barbering in a school licensed under this chapter and under the supervision of an instructor licensed under Article 5.

~~(10)~~(19) “Approved school” means a:

(a) cosmetology, esthetician, ~~or~~ nail technician, hair braider, or hair stylist school licensed by the ~~Board of Cosmetology~~ board or the board's equivalent in the jurisdiction in which it is physically located. ~~In states where licensure of a school is not required, a license may be issued, upon application and approval by the board.; and~~

(b) barber school licensed by the board or the board’s equivalent in the jurisdiction in which it is located.

SECTION 6. Section 40-13-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-40. (A)~~(1)~~ A person registered as a barber or master ~~hair care specialist~~ barber pursuant to the requirements of ~~Chapter 7 of this title~~ Article 5 may practice within the scope authorized by the person's license in a salon registered in accordance with this chapter.

~~(B)~~(2) The provisions of this section apply notwithstanding the provisions of Section 40-13-20(1) or another provision of law.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of this chapter, a person licensed as a cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician pursuant to this chapter may practice, within the scope authorized by the person’s license, in a barbershop registered in accordance with this chapter.

(C) The department shall promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 7. Section 40-13-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-50. (A) The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation shall provide all administrative, fiscal, investigative, inspectional, clerical, secretarial, and license renewal operations and activities of the board in accordance with Section 40-1-50.

(B) The board shall establish fees for:

(1) examination, licensure, renewal, and reinstatement fees for

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student barbers, barbers, master barbers, barber instructors, portable barber operations, and any other category of barber authorized by this chapter; and

(2) the inspection, registration, renewal, and registration reinstatement of barbershops, mobile barbershops, and barber schools and colleges.

(C) The board may prorate the license fee as provided for in regulation. All fees must accompany applications, license renewals, license reinstatements, barbershop inspections, registrations, and renewals.

SECTION 8. Section 40-13-60 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-60. The board may adopt rules governing its proceedings and may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Regulations relating to the sanitary management of salons, ~~and schools must not be promulgated until approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.~~ barbershops, mobile barbershops, cosmetology schools, and barber schools must be furnished by the board to the owner or manager of each salon, barbershop, mobile barbershop, cosmetology school, and barber school in the State.

SECTION 9. Section 40-13-90 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-90. The results of an investigation must be presented to the board and any subsequent hearing must be conducted in accordance with Section 40-1-90. Alternatively, the board may issue administrative citations and may assess administrative penalties against a licensee for violations of this chapter or regulation as specified by the board. Only one citation may be issued and only one administrative penalty may be assessed for a single violation; however, no more than five hundred dollars in administrative penalties may be assessed against an individual or an entity per offense. Administrative penalties authorized under this section are separate from and in addition to all other remedies, either civil or criminal. A licensee assessed administrative penalties may appeal those penalties to the board within ten days of receipt of the citation. If an appeal is filed, a hearing shall be held before the board or its designee, which shall make a determination in the matter. If no appeal is filed, the citation is deemed a final order and the administrative penalties must be paid within thirty days of receipt of the citation.

SECTION 10. Section 40-13-110(A)(2) and (6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) permitted a person in one's employ or under one's supervision

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or control to practice as a cosmetologist, hair stylist, hair braider, barber, master barber, esthetician, or nail technician without that person being licensed as a cosmetologist, hair stylist, hair braider, barber, master barber, esthetician, or nail technician;

(6) practiced or attempted to practice cosmetology in any place other than a licensed salon or portable operation, except in case of an emergency including, but not limited to, illness, invalidism, or death when a licensed operator may perform services for a person in another place by appointment only;

SECTION 11. Section 40-13-230 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-230. (A) A license as a cosmetologist must be issued by the board to a person who:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and possesses at least a tenth grade education or the equivalent as established by tests used in the public schools or tests approved by the board;

(2) has completed:

(a) at least one thousand five hundred hours in post-secondary school or at least one thousand five hundred forty hours in secondary school classes in cosmetology in a reliable school or college approved by the board or is a ~~registered master hair care specialist pursuant to Chapter 7~~ master barber who has satisfied educational requirements established by the board in regulation; and

(3) has passed the examination prescribed by the board and pays the required fee.

(B) A license as a hair stylist must be issued by the board to a person who:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and possesses at least a tenth grade education or the equivalent as established by tests used in the public schools or tests approved by the board;

(2) has completed at least one thousand one hundred hours in hair styling classes in a reliable school approved by the board or is a registered master barber pursuant to this chapter who has satisfied educational requirements established by the board in regulation; and

(3) has passed the examination prescribed by the board and pays the required fee.

~~(B)~~(C) A license as an esthetician must be issued by the board to a person who:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and possesses at least a tenth grade education or the equivalent as established by tests used in the public schools or tests approved by the board;

(2) has completed at least ~~four hundred fifty~~ six hundred hours in

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classes in skin care in a reliable school approved by the board or comparable training approved by the board; ~~and~~

(3) has passed the examination prescribed by the board and pays the required fee; ~~and~~

(4) students enrolled in esthetician programs prior to July 1, 2027, must be issued a license for completion of at least four hundred fifty hours in classes in skin care in a reliable school approved by the board or comparable training approved by the board so long as all other requirements for licensure are met.

~~(C)~~(D) A license as a nail technician must be issued by the board to a person who:

(1) is at least sixteen years of age and possesses at least a tenth grade education or the equivalent as established by tests used in the public schools or tests approved by the board;

(2) has completed at least three hundred hours in classes in a reliable nail technician school approved by the board or comparable training approved by the board; and

(3) has passed the examination prescribed by the board and pays the required fee.

~~(D)~~(E) Temporary permits to practice as a cosmetologist, hair stylist, esthetician, or nail technician may be issued in accordance with regulations promulgated by the board.

SECTION 12. Section 40-13-240(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The board shall conduct examinations of applicants for licenses to practice as cosmetologists, hair stylists, estheticians, or nail technicians not less than three times each year, at times and places as the board may determine. The examination of applicants for any license under this ~~chapter~~article must be conducted pursuant to regulations promulgated by the board and shall include both practical demonstrations and written tests on subjects the board determines to be necessary. Examinations must be consistent with the prescribed curriculum and the practical and theoretical requirements of the profession of cosmetology as prescribed in this ~~chapter~~article.

SECTION 13. Section 40-13-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-260. (A) Schools and salons shall display appropriate signs over the entrance to their establishments designating the nature of the establishment. No school may operate in conjunction with a salon or any other business or have doors which interconnect with salons or other businesses.

(B) This ~~chapter~~article may not be construed to affect the operation

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of any beauty salon, licensed on May 11, 1966, located in a private residence insofar as provisions for separate toilet facilities and separate entrances are concerned.

SECTION 14. Section 40-13-360 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-13-360. The following are exempt from this chapter while engaged in the proper discharge of their professional duties:

- (1) a manufacturer's representative or sales person who demonstrates a product or technique for a promotional purpose;
- (2) an educational activity conducted in connection with a monthly, annual, or other special program from which the general public is excluded, provided this exemption applies only to the specific days of the special program;
- (3) a demonstration conducted by a manufacturer or a wholesaler for the purpose of exhibiting the technical application and use of a product; and
- (4) an unlicensed person employed in a cosmetology salon whose duties are expressly confined to shampooing hair under the direct supervision of a cosmetologist.

SECTION 15. Chapter 13, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-13-25. A person currently licensed to practice in another state or territorial possession of the United States, or the District of Columbia, whose license is in good standing, may be issued a license in this State by endorsement upon submission of an application and the applicable fee, and showing that the person has:

- (1) satisfactorily passed a nationally recognized examination for entry into the profession; or
- (2)(a) been licensed for at least two years in another state or territorial possession of the United States or the District of Columbia, and
- (b) completes four hours of board-approved continuing education, either in person or online, in South Carolina state laws and regulations, client safety, and/or infection control to include sanitation and disinfection. Completion of these hours will also satisfy the continuing education requirements for renewal of this license for the subsequent licensing period immediately following the issuance of the license.

SECTION 16. (A) On July 1, 2027, all functions, powers, and duties provided by law to the Board of Barber Examiners are hereby transferred to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, and these functions, powers, and duties are devolved upon the Board of Cosmetology and

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Barbering. The officers, members, records, property, personnel, and unexpended appropriations of the Board of Barber Examiners also are transferred to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

(B) On July 1, 2027, the terms of the members of:

- (1) the Board of Barber Examiners then serving terminate; and
- (2) the Board of Cosmetology then serving terminate.

(C) On July 1, 2027, regulations promulgated by the Board of Barber Examiners under the authority of former provisions of Chapter 7, Title 40 of the S.C. Code repealed by SECTION 17 of this act are:

- (1) continued and are considered to be promulgated under the authority of present provisions of law pertaining to it in this act; and
- (2) transferred to and devolved upon to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

(D) On July 1, 2027, licenses, certificates of registration, and any other credentials issued under the authority of former provisions of Chapter 7, Title 40 of the S.C. Code repealed by SECTION 17 of this act are transferred to the Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, as are their renewal cycles, continuing education requirements, and disciplinary investigations, which must remain valid.

SECTION 17.(A) Chapter 13, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is redesignated "Barbers and Cosmetologists."

(B) Sections 40-13-5 through 40-13-210 of the S.C. Code are designated "Article 1, entitled General Provisions".

(C) Sections 40-13-230 through 40-13-360 of the S.C. Code are designated "Article 3, entitled Cosmetologists and Cosmetology."

SECTION 18. Chapter 7, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 19. This act takes effect July 1, 2027.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN 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 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

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Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Ford	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Huff
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Vaughan
Weeks	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

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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. 5140--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5140 -- Reps. Ligon, Herbkersman, Kirby and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 26-1-100, RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF NOTARIAL FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FEES TO TEN DOLLARS.

Rep. LIGON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCray
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sanders	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--108**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**H. 5162--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5162 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bernstein, Rivers, Weeks, Hardee, W. Newton, Brittain, Gatch, Montgomery, Lawson, J. E. Johnson, B. Newton, McCabe, Rankin, Brewer, Chumley, Gagnon, McGinnis, M. M. Smith, Williams, Ligon, Kirby, Anderson, Henderson-Myers, Govan, Oremus, Hartz and Wickensimer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-900 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS PERTAINING TO THE FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF ELIGIBLE ADULTS AND TO OUTLINE A PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR ELIGIBLE ADULTS TO PROTECT ELIGIBLE ADULTS FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION.

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The Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5162 (LC-5162.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 34-3-900(A)(3)(b) and inserting:

(b) causing an eligible adult to purchase goods or services or engage in a transaction for the profit or advantage of the seller or another person through undue influence, harassment, duress, force, coercion, or swindling by overreaching, cheating, misrepresentations, or defrauding the eligible adult through cunning arts or devices that delude the eligible adult and cause him to lose money or other property.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 34-3-900(F) and inserting:

(F) Any decline or hold of a disbursement or transaction as authorized by this section will expire ~~upon the sooner of:~~

(1) upon a determination by the financial institution that allowing the transaction will not result in the financial exploitation of an eligible adult;

(2) at the time provided for by the financial institution in its account agreement;

~~(2)(3) if not otherwise provided for in a financial institution's account agreement,~~ thirty business days after the date on which the financial institution first declined or placed on hold the transaction unless an appropriate investigative entity as set forth in Section 43-35-10(5) requests that the financial institution extend the delay, ~~in which case the delay shall expire no more than fifty-five business days after the date on which the financial institution first declined or placed on hold the transaction;~~ or

~~(3)(4)~~ the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GAGNON 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 111; 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
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Ford
Forrest	Frank	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Luck	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	McCrary	McDaniel
McGinnis	C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Vaughan	Weeks	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--111**

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Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5232 -- Reps. Collins, Bamberg, Alexander, Bannister, Clyburn, Erickson, Herbkersman, Hixon, Hosey, Jordan, Hiott, Kirby, Lowe, Taylor, Willis, Bradley, Hayes and Atkinson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 3.10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO HOUSE SEAT ALLOTMENT PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TWO MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN DESK MATES FOR EIGHT YEARS OR MORE BE ALLOWED THE PRIVILEGE OF SELECTING SEATS FIRST.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5233 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore,

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Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, 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 COMMEND THE BRIDGES PREPARATORY SCHOOL FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) CHAPTER FOR ITS DEDICATION TO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5234 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Hardee, Schuessler, McGinnis, Bailey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Grant, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. L. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Scott, 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 REMEMBER AND HONOR THE LIFE OF CHERRY LEWIS THOMPSON OF CONWAY AND TO EXPRESS THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS UPON HER PASSING.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5235 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Grant, Reese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoun, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, Forrest, Frank, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Gilreath, Govan, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hartz, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Holman, Hosey, Howard, Huff, J. E. Johnson, Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, 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 JOHN LAKIN FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO GOSPEL MUSIC AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5236 -- Rep. Cromer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARTIE BROTHERS, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5237 -- Reprs. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. 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, Scott, 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 HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO REMEMBER THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5238 -- Reprs. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Duncan, Edgerton, Erickson, Ford, 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, Lastinger, Lawson, Ligon,

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Long, Lowe, Luck, Magnuson, Martin, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, C. Mitchell, D. Mitchell, Montgomery, J. Moore, T. Moore, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Scott, 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 SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ALL EFFORTS TO REDUCE WASTE GENERATION AND INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR WASTE DIVERSION THROUGH RECYCLING INITIATIVES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS DECREASING DISPOSAL CAPACITY.

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

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5239 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES IS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5240 -- Rep. Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-180, RELATING TO SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR WITH A SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY NOT OPERATE A VEHICLE BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND FIVE O'CLOCK A.M. UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY A LICENSED DRIVER.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5241 -- Rep. Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 156 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT

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OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "ORDER OF THE PALMETTO" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5242 -- Rep. Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-28-10, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF VEHICLE EXPRESS WARRANTIES, SO AS TO REDEFINE THE TERM "MOTOR VEHICLES" AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-28-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE MANUFACTURERS OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MUST REPLACE OR REPURCHASE CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT ARE FOUND TO CONTAIN DEFECTS OR HAVE CONDITIONS THAT IMPAIR THEIR USE, VALUE, OR SAFETY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5243 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCREASE IN THE CREDIT AMOUNT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5244 -- Reps. Hixon and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1055 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DEER DEPREDATION PERMITS FROM JANUARY SECOND THROUGH SEPTEMBER FOURTEENTH.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5245 -- Rep. Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELECTROLOGY PRACTICE ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 13 TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE AND TEACHING OF ELECTROLOGY, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTROLOGY LICENSURE COMMITTEE UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ELECTROLOGISTS AND ELECTROLOGY INSTRUCTORS, TO

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ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF PRACTICE AND CONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, DISCIPLINE, AND PENALTIES.

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

H. 5246 -- Reps. Moss, Pope, Jordan, Martin, C. Mitchell and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO INFORMAL AND FORMAL PROBATE AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME WHICH SUCH PROCEEDINGS MAY BE COMMENCED AFTER A DECEDENT'S DEATH FROM TEN YEARS TO TWENTY YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5247 -- Reps. White, Magnuson, Harris, Gilreath, Cromer, D. Mitchell, Ballentine and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 2-17-150 RELATING TO THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR PROSECUTING LOBBYING VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5248 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-140, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "LIMITED TERM" MUST BE INCLUDED ON DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED TO QUALIFIED NONCITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-710, RELATING TO PROOF OF RIGHT TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES CONTAINING THE WORDS "LIMITED TERM" ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-230, RELATING TO NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES OF DRIVERS' LICENSE HOLDERS' CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE AND TO PROVIDE THIS PROCEDURE ALSO APPLIES TO IDENTIFICATION CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

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H. 5249 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY FROM TREATING A TRANSFER OF HEIRS' PROPERTY AS A TRANSFER REQUIRING REASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS, TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5250 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFEGUARDING ENDOWMENT GIFTS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 34 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FROM VIOLATING WRITTEN DONOR RESTRICTIONS EXCEPT WHEN REQUIRED OR AUTHORIZED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW; TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION TO DONORS WHEN A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IS UNABLE TO FULFILL ONE OR MORE TERMS IN AN ENDOWMENT AGREEMENT; TO ESTABLISH JUDICIAL PROCESSES AND REMEDIES WHEN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS VIOLATE DONOR IMPOSED RESTRICTIONS IN ENDOWMENT AGREEMENTS; TO PERMIT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO SEEK A JUDICIAL DECLARATION OF RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND RELATED PROVISIONS; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 34-6-10 THROUGH 34-6-100 AS ARTICLE 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5251 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "CHARITY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 33-56-65 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY OR STATE OFFICIAL FROM IMPOSING ANNUAL FILING OR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE MORE BURDENSOME THAN THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 56, TITLE 33 AND TO PROVIDE SOME EXCEPTIONS.

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H. 5252 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-120, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS

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REVITALIZATION ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE EXISTENCE OF AN INCOME-PRODUCING USE PRIOR TO THE PERIOD OF ABANDONMENT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT FOR ELIGIBILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-130, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CREDIT, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN TIMING CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THE FILING OF A NOTICE OF INTENT TO REHABILITATE AN ABANDONED BUILDING AND TO CLARIFY THAT ABANDONED BUILDING TAX CREDITS MAY NOT SERVE AS COLLATERAL FOR ANY DEBT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-160, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF ABANDONED BUILDING SITES, SO AS TO REMOVE A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS OF STATE-OWNED ABANDONED BUILDING SITES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5253 -- Reps. Guffey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-28-195 SO AS TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS AND SAFEGUARDS GOVERNING THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO REQUIRE PARENTAL NOTICE AND CONSENT, TO ENSURE HUMAN AND TEACHER OVERSIGHT, TO PROTECT STUDENT DATA, TO DEFINE TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND REMEDIES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 160 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 21, TITLE 40, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-20-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE DIETETICS LICENSURE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE A DEFINITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-20-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THE DIETETICS LICENSURE ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF APPLICANTS.

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

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S. 619 -- Senators Gambrell and Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-27-610, RELATING TO PRIORITY OF DISTRIBUTION FOR CLAIMS, SO AS TO ADD FUNDING AGREEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 697 -- Senator Gambrell: A BILL TO TRANSFER THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-6-515 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-770, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA 211 NETWORK, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 768 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Kimbrell, Verdin, Massey, Hembree, Turner, Williams, Rice, Stubbs, Davis, Garrett, Campsen, Martin, Leber, Zell, Grooms and Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION TO ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TO REDUCE THE AGE ELIGIBILITY TO SIXTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-266, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-280, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-290, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FOR THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 857 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-1-20,

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RELATING TO INSURANCE LAW DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-69-220, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM OPERATION OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, SO AS TO ADD AN EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED ANNUITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR NONFORFEITURE BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT DEFERRED ANNUITIES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-44-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MANAGING GENERAL AGENTS ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

**H. 3530--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3530 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Spann-Wilder, Cobb-Hunter, Bernstein, Vaughan, C. Mitchell, Robbins, T. Moore, Henderson-Myers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE CANDIDATES FOR MAGISTRATE POSITIONS TO BE REVIEWED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER JUDICIAL CANDIDATES UPON VACANCIES, AND TO DEFINE WHEN VACANCIES OCCUR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERM AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND LIMITATIONS ON MAGISTRATES' HOLDOVER STATUS AND TO REQUIRE MAGISTRATES GOING FORWARD TO HOLD A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE AND BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-15, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES PRESENTLY SERVING, SO AS TO GRANDFATHER MAGISTRATES SERVING IN OFFICE ON JUNE 30, 2025; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO CIVIL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO

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INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF MAGISTRATES COURT; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 22-2-10 AND 22-2-15 RELATING TO A SCREENING COMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN THE SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES AND THE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR NONPARTISAN SELECTION OF MAGISTRATES, RESPECTIVELY.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Wednesday, February 25, which was agreed to.

**H. 3227--DEBATE ADJOURNED**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3227 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO OFFER INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM AN EARTHQUAKE TO ALL POLICIES ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

Rep. GATCH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, February 26, which was agreed to.

**H. 5205--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5205 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Grant, Spann-Wilder and Govan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 101, TITLE 59 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH PUBLIC COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE IN THIS STATE TO IMPLEMENT A SAFETY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS FROM THE PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS, TO REQUIRE EACH INSTITUTION TO COMPILE AND ANNUALLY REPORT CERTAIN CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS.

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Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bowers	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Ford	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Gilreath
Govan	Grant	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Howard
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Robbins
Rutherford	Sanders	Schuessler
Scott	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Vaughan	Weeks
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer

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**Total--106**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

Rep. CLYBURN 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. 5045 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SQUIRE ROAD IN THE CITY OF ROCK HILL IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH OGDEN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH FALLS ROAD "ARCHBISHOP B.R. WILSON MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:32 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. JORDAN, adjourned in memory of Naoma Marie Geist Lowe, mother of Representative Lowe, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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