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**TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026**  
**(STATEWIDE SESSION)**

**Tuesday, April 14, 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 33:4-5: “The word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

Let us pray. Our God and ever blessed Father, may we say with the Psalmist that Your works, Your ways and Your Words are right and without error and infallible. Your words O Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace, like gold purified sevenfold. Your precepts brings joy to the heart and gives light to the eyes. We, as your elected officials, are your servants, administrators of Yours given to punish evil and to give praise for the good of society. However, we are fallible, mankind of clay feet, we err and often follow the intentions of our heart. And that ought not be so. We need the wisdom that is provided from above, this is why we must seek You in all we do. O Lord help, provide wisdom and discernment in our deliberations, so that we may be pleasing to You this day. So, help us remember that every word of God is pure; You are a shield to those who take refuge in You—so that we may experience the goodness of the Lord. 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, April 3, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Dale Moore, which was agreed to.

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**COMMUNICATION**

The following was received:

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

April 7, 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 Bromazolam, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substance Act. 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 temporary order placing 4 Bromazolam, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective March 16, 2026. F.R. Volume 91, Number 50, pp 12504-12509.

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 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

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

Placement of Bromazolam in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

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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 temporary order placing bromazolam (8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers are possible, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act ("CSA"), effective March 16, 2026. F.R. Volume 91, Number 50, pp 12504-12509;

WHEREAS, the DEA has concluded that bromazolam 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 bromazolam in Schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, The Department of Public Health adopts the federal scheduling of bromazolam (8-bromo-1-methyl-6-phenyl-4H-benzo[t][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine), including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers are possible, into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act.

Edward D. Simmer. MD, MPH, DLFAPA  
Interim Director, S.C. Department of Public Health  
April 6, 2026  
Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5408

Agency: Department of Public Health

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 through 44-7-394, 44-37-40, 44-37-50, 44-41-70(a), and 63-7-40

Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries

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Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee  
Legislative Review Expiration May 3, 2026

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5416  
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building  
Codes Council  
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-9--40, 6-9-50, and 6-9-55  
International Plumbing Code  
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 13, 2026  
Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and  
Cybersecurity\_Committee  
Legislative Review Expiration May 3, 2026

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5419  
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South  
Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators  
Statutory Authority: 1976 Codes Sections 40-1-70 and 40-35-60  
South Carolina Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators  
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Cybersecurity\_Committee  
Legislative Review Expiration May 3, 2026

**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5420  
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of  
Accountancy  
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-2-30, 40-2-35,  
40-2-40, 40-2-70, 40-2-80, 40-2-90, 40-2-100, 40-2-245, 40-2-250,  
40-2-255, and 40-2-275  
Board of Accountancy  
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**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5422

Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Pharmacy

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-1-77(I), 40-43-30(8), 40-43-60(D)(5) and (8), 40-43-83(C), 40-43-86(CC)(2)(a), and 40-43-150

State Board of Pharmacy

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**REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED**

Document No. 5441

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-60, 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-9-650, 50-11-10, 50-11-105, 50-11-300, 50-11-310, 50-11-315, 50-11-320, 50-11-365, 50-11-390, 50-11-410, 50-11-430, 50-11-500, 50-11-525, 50-11-530, 50-11-540, 50-11-544, 50-11-546, 50-11-580, 50-11-2200, and 50-11-2210

Wildlife Management Area Regulations; Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons

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Legislative Review Expiration May 3, 2026

**REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN**

Document No. 5371

Agency: State Board of Education

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-26-10, 59-26-30, and 59-26-40

Defined Program, Grades 9-12 and Graduation Requirements

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives May 8, 2025

Referred to Reg., Admin. Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

**REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN**

Document No. 5406

Agency: South Carolina Aeronautics Commission

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Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 55-1-1 et seq., 55-5-80(A), 55-5-80(N), and 55-5-280(D)

Use of the State Aviation Fund; Procedure for Protection of Public Investment in Airports

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Referred to Regulations, Administrative Procedures, AI and Cybersecurity Committee

Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5155 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, King, Rose, Scott, Dillard, Jones, Wetmore, Garvin, Reese, Anderson, Kirby, Rivers, Gilliard, J. L. Johnson, Grant, Waters, Hosey, Williams, Luck, Bauer, Alexander, Bannister, Henderson-Myers, Weeks, Stavrinakis and Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FORMER VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS AS SHE CONTINUES ON HER NOTEWORTHY BOOK TOUR AND TO WELCOME HER ARRIVAL TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 585 -- Senators Tedder, Adams, Devine, Zell and Sutton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FAMILIES EVERYWHERE (SAFE) ACT" AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICATIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS MUST INCLUDE LANGUAGE ALLOWING APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY INDICATE THEY OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES OR DISORDERS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION "SAFE" IN THE MOTOR VEHICLE'S RECORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5508 -- Reprs. G. M. Smith, Weeks, 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, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Scott, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ALAYSHA MAPLE FOR BEING NAMED THE 2025 DAILY JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5509 -- Reprs. C. Mitchell, 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,

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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, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SAM STOCKTON IN HIS BATTLE WITH BATTEN DISEASE AND TO DECLARE JUNE 9, 2026, AS "BATTEN DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN ORDER TO BRING STATEWIDE ATTENTION TO THIS RARE AND DEVASTATING CONDITION.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5510 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, 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, 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 NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STRENGTH AND WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5511 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. JOHN T. MCCOY, PASTOR OF NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH IN ROCK HILL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF MEANINGFUL MINISTRY AND SERVICE TO THE CONGREGATION AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5512 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, King, Ligon, Martin, Moss, Sessions and Terrible: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MJ COLLINS JR., A NATIVE OF CLOVER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL ACHIEVEMENTS, HIS REPRESENTATION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON A NATIONAL STAGE, AND HIS ROLE AS A POSITIVE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS HOMETOWN, COMMUNITY, AND FAMILY.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5513 -- Reps. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, 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, 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,

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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 JONATHAN C. CHILDERS, A FOURTH-YEAR ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE WITH THE CHARLESTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON RECEIVING FIRST PLACE IN THE 2026 ABC NATIONAL CRAFT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5514 -- Reps. Scott, 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, Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rankin, Reese, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sanders, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Teeple, Terribile, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND THE SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF PEARL FRYAR OF LEE COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE

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TALENT, AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

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The following was introduced:

H. 5515 -- Reprs. Terribile, Martin, 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, 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, Vaughan, Waters, Weeks, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND APPLAUD THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2025 CLASS AAAAA, DIVISION 2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THESE ATHLETES AND THEIR COACHES ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5516 -- Reprs. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, 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,

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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 THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5521 -- Reps. Grant, 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, 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,

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Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Wickensimer, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE BIG HOMIE LIL HOMIE MENTORING PROGRAM AND ITS MISSION TO UPLIFT AND EMPOWER YOUTH THROUGH MEANINGFUL MENTORSHIP; TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY MEMBERS, LOCAL LEADERS, BUSINESSES, AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTNER WITH, VOLUNTEER FOR, AND INVEST IN THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAM; AND TO ENCOURAGE THE EXPLORATION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE RESOURCES, VISIBILITY, AND INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT TO EXPAND THE OUTREACH AND IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM.

The Resolution was adopted.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5527 -- Reps. Taylor, Oremus, Clyburn and Hartz: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BARBARA LEE ROLLINS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN FIVE DECADES OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MUSIC EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5517 -- Reps. McDaniel, 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, 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STELLA GRACE BURROUGHS, A STUDENT AT THE FAIRFIELD MAGNET SCHOOL FOR MATH AND SCIENCE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING THE STATE WINNER OF THE 2026 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5518 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bowers, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, 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, 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 CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LAWSON CANNON, KNOWLTON CARTER, WAYDE INGRAM, AND RAYVON KERSEY, STUDENTS AT WALKER GAMBLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ON WINNING THE 2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY SANTEE ELECTRIC

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COOPERATIVE AND THE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5519 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, G. M. Smith and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY CHURCH ROAD BETWEEN STEPHEN CAMPBELL ROAD AND LARRY JEFFERS ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ELGIN IN KERSHAW COUNTY "JEANNIE ROSE POTTER ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

The following was introduced:

H. 5520 -- Reps. Sanders, Huff, 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, 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, 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 COMMEND PALMETTO

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MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR ITS INSTITUTION OF "YOU MATTER DAY" IN MEMORY OF AUSTIN SMITH, A FORMER SEVENTH GRADE STUDENT AT PALMETTO MIDDLE, IN ORDER TO RAISE SUICIDE AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS AND ASSURE THEM THAT THEIR LIVES MATTER IN THIS WORLD.

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

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

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

H. 5522 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HOMEOWNER CONTRACT TRANSPARENCY AND FAIR DISPUTE RESOLUTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 50, TITLE 27 SO AS TO REQUIRE SELLERS IN RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADVANCE DISCLOSURE OF HOME PURCHASE DOCUMENTS TO BUYERS BEFORE CLOSING, INCLUDING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROVISIONS AND LEGAL WAIVERS, TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE, AND TO IMPOSE AN AFFIRMATIVE DUTY ON ATTORNEYS WHO CONDUCT CLOSINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5523 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-130 SO AS TO DEFINE "MOBILE FOOD UNIT," TO ALLOW ANY ORGANIZED FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THIS STATE TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF MOBILE FOOD UNITS, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE FIRE MARSHALL TO PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5524 -- Reps. Sanders, Huff, Chapman, Beach, Gilreath, Duncan, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-537 SO AS TO PROHIBIT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM ENTERING UPON, REMAINING IN, OR LOITERING UPON THE GROUNDS

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OF MUNICIPAL, COUNTY, OR SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT PARKS WITHOUT BEING GIVEN EXPRESSED PERMISSION BY THE PARKS' GOVERNING AUTHORITIES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5525 -- Reprs. C. Mitchell, Williams, Brewer, Atkinson, Luck and Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND WHOLESALE MARKET ACCESS ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES FOR MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS, AND ESTABLISH AN OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL PROCESS BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES TO FILE PROPOSED RATES AND TERMS OF SERVICE TO DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES FOR APPROVAL BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO REQUIRE TRIENNIAL WHOLESALE RATE REVIEWS BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO ESTABLISH THAT DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES HAVE A RIGHT TO PETITION THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR EXIT SETTLEMENTS FROM WHOLESALE POWER CONTRACTS WITH A GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE AND TO PROVIDE PROCESSES AND STANDARDS FOR EXIT SETTLEMENTS; TO PROHIBIT GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES FROM TAKING CERTAIN UNILATERAL ACTIONS WITHOUT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL; TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REPRESENT DISTRIBUTION COOPERATIVES' INTERESTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN PROCEEDINGS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE; TO REQUIRE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVES TO FILE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO PROMULGATE RELATED RULES AND REGULATIONS; TO ADDRESS HOW THE ARTICLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED; AND TO REQUIRE

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SANTEE COOPER'S COOPERATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5526 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES OF THIS STATE, COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM ACCEPTING OR TAKING ANY ACTION ON PERMITS OR APPLICATIONS FOR DATA CENTERS UNTIL THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHES A COMPREHENSIVE OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR NEW DATA CENTERS IN THIS STATE, AND TO DEFINE "DATA CENTER."

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 688 -- Senators Massey and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-5, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS TO THE UNEMPLOYMENT TRUST FUND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE LOOKBACK PERIOD FOR THE BENEFIT RATIO; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-45, RELATING TO DEBT STATUS ESTIMATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SOLVENCY TARGET FOR THE FUND; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO THE TAX RATE WHEN A DELINQUENT REPORT IS RECEIVED, SO AS TO CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR AN OUTSTANDING LIEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-350, RELATING TO THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE A REPORT, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO FILE A REPORT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-370, RELATING TO INTEREST ON UNPAID CONTRIBUTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bowers	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey

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Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Duncan	Edgerton
Erickson	Forrest	Frank
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	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	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sanders
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terrible
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total Present--115**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

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**CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED**

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3012  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 LASTINGER

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3508  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 M. M. SMITH

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3580  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 WHITE and KILMARTIN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 3771  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 GILLIARD and RIVERS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4103  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 GILLIARD

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4248  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 HARTNETT, LUCK, GILLIARD, RIVERS,  
W. NEWTON, GUEST, J. MOORE and WILLIAMS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4461  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 YOW

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4611  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 HARTNETT, BOWERS, REESE and LASTINGER

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4679  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 HARTNETT, GILLIARD, RIVERS and WILLIAMS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 4706  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 GILLIARD, RIVERS and WILLIAMS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5011  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 M. M. SMITH

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5059  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 WETMORE

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5069  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 GILLIARD, DAVIS, GIBSON, MCCRAVY and  
C. MITCHELL

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5111  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 GIBSON, MCCRAVY, REESE and DUNCAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5173  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 M. M. SMITH

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5216  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 LIGON

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**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5217  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 LUCK

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5309  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 HARTNETT

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5473  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 WILLIAMS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5482  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 DUNCAN

**CO-SPONSOR(S) ADDED**

Bill Number: H. 5488  
Date: ADD:  
04/14/26 M. M. SMITH

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 5071  
Date: REMOVE:  
04/14/26 MOSS

**CO-SPONSOR(S) REMOVED**

Bill Number: H. 5501  
Date: REMOVE:  
04/14/26 OREMUS

**H. 4679--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4679 -- Reps. C. Mitchell, Cox, M. M. Smith, Wooten, Chapman,  
W. Newton, Herbkersman, Wickensimer, Guest, McCravy, Hartnett,

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Gilliard, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DRONE REGULATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 55-1-110 SO AS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR DRONE OPERATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRONE USE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4679 (LC-4679.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(A)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) and inserting:

(1) "unmanned aircraft system (UAS)" or "drone" refers to any aircraft, as defined by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, or any unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), operated remotely without a pilot onboard;

(2) "commercial operator" means any person using a drone for business purposes in compliance with ~~FAA regulations~~the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 14 CFR Part 107;

(3) "recreational operator" means any individual flying a drone for personal use in accordance with FAA regulations and recreational guidelines;

(4) "critical infrastructure" ~~includes, but is not limited to, airports, power plants, water treatment facilities, correctional institutions, military bases, and emergency response sites~~ means one of the following, if completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier that is designed to exclude intruders, or if clearly marked with a sign or signs that are posted on the property, are reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders, and indicate that entry is forbidden:

(a) a petroleum or alumina refinery, terminal, or storage facility;

(b) an electrical power generating facility, substation, switching station, or electrical control center;

(c) an above-ground oil, gas, or chemical pipeline;

(d) a chemical, polymer, or rubber manufacturing facility;

(e) a water intake structure, water treatment facility, wastewater treatment plant, or pump station;

(f) a natural gas compressor station;

(g) a liquid natural gas terminal or storage facility;

(h) a wireless or wired communications facility, including the tower, antennas, support structures, and all associated ground-based equipment;

(i) a seaport, inland port, railroad switching yard, trucking

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terminal, or other freight transportation facility, including such a facility not enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier, or not posted with a sign or signs stating that unauthorized entry into the facility's boundary is prohibited;

\_\_\_\_\_ (j) a gas processing plant, including a plant used in the processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas;

\_\_\_\_\_ (k) a transmission facility used by a federally licensed radio or television station;

\_\_\_\_\_ (l) a steelmaking facility that uses an electric arc furnace to make steel or other steel manufacturing facility;

\_\_\_\_\_ (m) a dam or other structures, including but not limited to locks, floodgates, or dikes, that are designed to maintain or control the level of navigable waterways and are regulated by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services; or

\_\_\_\_\_ (n) a data center certified by the Department of Commerce or any other state agency; ~~and~~

(5) "~~restricted-controlled~~ airspace" refers to areas where drone operations are prohibited or require prior authorization, including FAA-designated ~~no-fly zones~~-USA flight restricted areas and certain state-designated locations.;

\_\_\_\_\_ (6) "large live event" means an organized, in-person event held at a venue or event site and attended by members of the public, whether ticketed or otherwise, including, but not limited to, a sporting event, concert, automobile race, festival, fair, performance, show, exhibition, tournament, rodeo, parade, or other organized public entertainment or cultural event, at which more than 15,000 people are in attendance;

\_\_\_\_\_ (7) "military installation" means:

\_\_\_\_\_ (a) any state or federal military base, fort, camp, post, station, home port, depot, arsenal, training range, testing range, airfield, air station, shipyard, port facility, or other military facility of similar character, that:

\_\_\_\_\_ (i) is owned, operated, or otherwise controlled by the United States or this State;

\_\_\_\_\_ (ii) is used primarily for official military operations, training, testing, support, maintenance, or housing; and

\_\_\_\_\_ (iii) is subject to controlled access or security measures.

\_\_\_\_\_ (b) the term includes any facility described in subsection (A)(7)(a) which is under the jurisdiction or control of the United States Department of Defense or a Secretary of a military department, and facilities under the control of the South Carolina National Guard, the Adjutant General, the South Carolina State Guard, or any other

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component of the State militia;

(c) the term also includes any United States military vessel or ship, including United States Navy vessels and United States Coast Guard cutters, while operating, transiting, or in port within United States territorial waters;

(d) the term does not include a state or federally owned, operated, or otherwise controlled publicly accessible facility that is primarily used for military recruitment, outreach, administrative services, or other activities conducted in a commercial storefront, kiosk, leased office space, or other similar location or facility, that is not restricted for military operations or training;

(8) “operate” or “operating a drone” means to manipulate or control a drone in flight, including managing its flight path, altitude, or automated flight functions, whether directly or through an automated or pre programmed system.

(9) “takeoff and landing site” means the location from which a drone is launched into flight or to which it is intentionally returned and recovered, including any temporary or mobile launch point used during an operation;

(10) “take off” means to initiate or cause the ascent of an unmanned aircraft or drone from ground or surface contact into flight, whether directly or through an automated or pre-programmed system;

(11) “land” means to intentionally cause or direct an unmanned aircraft or drone to descend from flight to ground or surface contact, whether directly or through an automated or pre-programmed system; and

(12) “weaponize” means to equip, modify, or configure an unmanned aircraft system with any explosive, destructive device, firearm, hazardous substance, or any other item designed to cause and capable of causing death, bodily injury, or property damage.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(B)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) registering drones ~~weighing over 0.55 pounds (two hundred fifty grams) with the FAA;~~

(2) operating under proper FAA UAS regulations~~Part 107 regulations for commercial use;~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) and inserting:

(C)(1) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly operate, takeoff, or land a drone:

(a) above or within ~~five miles of an airport without prior any~~

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controlled airspace designated by the FAA unless the operation is conducted in compliance with all applicable FAA authorization requirements;

(b) directly above ~~over~~ or within one thousand five hundred feet ~~of~~ horizontally from the outermost boundary of property the person knows to be critical infrastructure without prior express written consent of the owner of the critical infrastructure, or the person or entity lawfully in control of the critical infrastructure;

(c) directly above ~~over~~ or within ~~fifteen~~ one thousand five hundred feet horizontally from the outermost boundary of ~~any~~ property the person knows to be a federal, State or county correctional facility, unless expressly authorized or consented to in writing by the South Carolina Department of Corrections or a ~~governing~~ authority of the federal or county facility;

(d) directly above ~~over~~ or within ~~fifteen~~ one thousand five hundred feet ~~of any~~ horizontally from the outermost boundary of property the person knows to be a military installation without the prior express written consent from of the Department of Defense or the commanding authority of the military installation; ~~or~~

(e) ~~over~~ above, or in close proximity to the horizontal boundary of private property in a manner that ~~invades privacy, harasses occupants, creates a nuisance, or presents an obvious safety hazard.;~~

(i) intentionally intrudes upon the reasonable expectation of privacy of the owner or lawful occupant of the property;

(ii) substantially and unreasonably interferes with the use and enjoyment of the property; or

(iii) creates a substantial risk of bodily injury or property damage; or

(f) directly above any event the person knows to be a large live event without the prior express written consent of the event organizer.

(2) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly operate, takeoff, or land a drone in this State that is required to be registered with the FAA but has not been properly registered. This includes operating a drone that is not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (B), and:

~~(a) operating a drone weighing more than 0.55 pounds (two hundred fifty grams) without FAA registration;~~

~~(b)~~ (a) failing to display the required FAA registration number on the drone, if required;

~~(e)~~ (b) knowingly providing false or misleading registration information to the FAA; and

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~~(d)~~ ~~(c)~~ knowingly operating an unregistered drone for commercial purposes or in controlled airspace without proper authorization.

(3) It is unlawful for a person to use a drone to intentionally or knowingly operate, takeoff, or land a drone with the intent to:

(a) conduct surveillance, record, or photograph ~~an individual~~ another person in a location where he has a reasonable expectation of privacy without consent; or

(b) stalk, harass, or intimidate ~~an individual~~ another person.

(4) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly use a drone to operate, takeoff, land, or possess a drone with the intent to:

(a) transport or attempt to deliver contraband, including but not limited to drugs, weapons, or other prohibited materials into any federal, state, county or municipal correctional or detention facility, ~~or restricted area, or other area under the facilities authority; and~~

(b) surveil, photograph, or map critical infrastructure for unlawful purposes, including terrorism or sabotage; or

(c) weaponize ~~a the~~ drone or ~~use it to~~ threaten, harm, or attempt to harm another person or property.

(5) It is unlawful for a person to intentionally or knowingly:

(a) obstruct, disable, or attempt to take control of a drone that a person knows to be operated by law enforcement, emergency responders, or another public safety official in the course of their duties;

(b) use electronic jamming, hacking, or other means to disrupt the operation of a drone the person knows to be operating as a public safety drone; or

(c) physically damage or destroy a ~~public safety~~ drone the person knows to be engaged in lawful public safety operations.

(6) A person who violates ~~subitems (1), (2), or (3)~~ subsection (C)(1), (C)(2), or (C)(3) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

(a) for a first offense, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days;

(b) for a second offense, must be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; or

(c) for a third or subsequent offense, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(7) A person who violates ~~subitems (4) or (5)~~ subsection (C)(4) or (C)(5) is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction:

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(a) for ~~using-operating~~ a drone ~~to-deliver-contraband-into-a-correctional-facility~~ in violation of subsection (C)(4)(a), or (C)(4)(b), must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than five years, or both;

(b) ~~for weaponizing a drone or using it to threaten harm upon another person,~~ for a violation of subsection (C)(4)(c), must be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than ten years, or both;

(c) for ~~interference with public safety drones~~ violations of subsection (C)(5):

(i) for a first offense, must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than five years, or both;

(ii) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined not more than twenty-five thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; or

(iii) if the ~~interference-violations results~~ result in injury, loss of life, or significant disruption to emergency operations, must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than fifteen years, or both.

(8) A violation of each subsection or provision of subsection (C) constitutes a separate offense. A violation of one subsection or provision of subsection (C) does not preclude prosecution or punishment for a violation of another subsection or provision of subsection (C), including violations arising from the same takeoff, landing, or operation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(D), (E), and (F) and inserting:

~~(D) Law enforcement agencies are authorized to investigate, detain individuals, and confiscate drones used in violation of this section.~~ (1) In addition to the penalties provided in this section, a UAS involved in a violation of this section may be seized and confiscated by the arresting law enforcement agency or officer. The UAS must not be disposed of until the results of any legal proceeding in which it may be involved are finally determined, or as otherwise required by Section 17-28-300, et seq. Records must be maintained of all UASs seized pursuant to this section. Upon conviction for a violation of this section, the UAS may be retained by the arresting agency for official use, transferred to another public safety agency for official use, or destroyed, unless otherwise provided by law.

(2)(a) Any UAS seized pursuant to this section must be administratively released to an innocent owner. The UAS must not be released until the results of any legal proceeding in which it may be

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involved are finally determined, or as otherwise required by Section 17-28-300, et seq.

(b) Before release, the innocent owner shall provide proof of ownership to the arresting agency; certify that the owner neither consented to nor had knowledge of the unlawful use of the UAS; and certify that the UAS will not be returned to the person charged with the violation that resulted in the seizure.

(c) The arresting agency shall notify the innocent owner when the UAS is available for release. If the innocent owner fails to recover the UAS within thirty days after notification, the arresting agency may retain the UAS for official use, transfer it to another public safety agency for official use, or destroy it.

(E) No municipality, county, or local government may enact ordinances that conflict with this section or FAA regulations. However, local governments may impose reasonable restrictions on the takeoff and landing sites and the operation of drones on or above public property within their jurisdictions that are not otherwise covered by this section.

(F) ~~This~~ The provisions of this section does do not apply to:

(1) law enforcement, emergency responders, ~~or~~ military personnel, or employees of any state, county, municipal, or local agency or department acting within the scope of their employment or official duties;

(2) any utility provider, or their authorized agents engaged in activities related to operations, inspection, maintenance, construction, vegetation management, damage assessment, emergency storm response, or restoration of services, or monitoring, maintaining, repairing, or enhancing electric, communications, water conveyance, or transportation infrastructure, provided those operations comply with applicable FAA regulations; provided that the utility provider or their authorized agent notifies the authorizing authority identified in subsection (C)(1), or the authority's designee, no more than five days and no less than two hours prior to each operation, and must include the registration number the FAA issued for the UAS;

~~(2)~~ (3) FAA-authorized commercial drone operations conducted in compliance with federal law; or

~~(3)~~ (4) State-approved research and agricultural drone operations with appropriate permits.

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

SECTION X. Section 24-1-300 of the S.C. Code is repealed. (Reserved.)

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

SECTION X. Section 24-5-175 of the S.C. Code is repealed. (Reserved.)

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

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

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section and inserting:

SECTION 4. This act takes effect ~~upon approval by the Governor on~~ [January 1, 2027](#).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

#### **SPEAKER IN CHAIR**

Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. T. MOORE and WOOTEN proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4679 (LC-4679.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(A)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) “commercial drone operator” means any person ~~using~~ [operating, landing, or taking off](#) a drone for business purposes in compliance with FAA regulations [including, but not limited to 14 CFR Part 107, or any successor statute or regulation](#);

(3) “recreational drone operator” means any ~~individual flying~~ [person operating, landing, or taking off](#) a drone for personal use in accordance with FAA regulations and recreational guidelines [including](#).

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but not limited to, 49 USC Section 44809 or any successor statute or regulation;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(A)(5) and inserting:

(5) “controlled airspace” refers to areas where drone operations are prohibited or require prior authorization, including FAA-designated ~~USA~~ UAS flight restricted areas and certain state-designated locations;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(A)(11) and (12) and inserting:

(11) “land” means to intentionally cause or direct an unmanned aircraft or drone to descend from flight to ground or surface contact, whether directly or through an automated or pre-programmed system;

~~and~~

(12) “weaponize” means to equip, modify, or configure an unmanned aircraft system with any explosive, destructive device, firearm, hazardous substance, or any other item designed to cause and capable of causing death, bodily injury, or property damage-; and

(13) “emergency response site” means a location at which law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, emergency management, or other authorized governmental personnel are actively responding to an emergency, disaster, or public safety incident, including a fire, traffic accident, crime scene, hazardous-materials incident, flood, tornado, hurricane, ice storm, or other declared or actual weather-related emergency. The term also includes a location at which such personnel are conducting an authorized training exercise simulating such an event; and

(14) “correctional facility” or “detention facility” means any federal, state, county, municipal, or multijurisdictional jail, prison, prison camp, overnight lockup, local detention facility, or state correctional facility in this State that is used to confine or detain persons charged with or convicted of any criminal offense or violation of a court order.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(B) and inserting:

(B) All drone operators in the State must comply with applicable FAA regulations and other applicable federal aviation requirements including, but not limited to:

(1) registering drones when required;

(2) operating under proper FAA UAS regulations;

(3) passing the FAA Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST) for hobbyist operations when required; and

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(4) adhering to airspace restrictions including temporary flight restrictions and other flight restrictions issued by FAA action and obtaining necessary FAA authorizations ~~for~~ or other approvals before operations in controlled airspace, prohibited or restricted areas, or areas subject to temporary flight restrictions, and complying with the terms and limitations of any applicable Certificate of Waiver or Authorization, certificate of waiver, exemption, or other FAA authorization.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(1)(c) and inserting:

(c) directly above or within one thousand five hundred feet horizontally from the outermost boundary of property the person knows to be a federal, State, ~~or~~ county, or municipal correctional facility, unless expressly authorized or consented to in writing by the South Carolina Department of Corrections or governing authority of the federal, ~~or~~ county, or municipal facility;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(1)(iii) and inserting:

(iii) creates a substantial risk of bodily injury or property damage; ~~or~~

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(1)(f) and inserting:

(f) directly above any event the person knows to be a large live event without the prior express written consent of the event organizer;

(g) directly above or within one thousand feet horizontally from the outermost boundary of an area the person knows to be an emergency response site without prior express written consent of the controlling agency for the emergency response site, if the emergency response site is clearly marked or otherwise has an identifiable boundary of operations.

(h) over or within one hundred feet of the Capitol Grounds as defined in Section 10-11-310 unless expressly authorized by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety; or

(i) over the Governor's Mansion Complex unless expressly authorized by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety or the Governor. As used in this subsection, "Governor's Mansion Complex" means the area inward from the vehicular traveled surfaces of Calhoun, Lincoln, Laurel, and Gadsden streets in the City of Columbia.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(3)(a) and inserting:

(a) conduct surveillance, record, or photograph another person in a location where he has a reasonable expectation of privacy without

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consent and without any lawful authority, warrant, court order, or other authorization provided by law; or

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(C)(4)(b) and inserting:

(b) surveil, photograph, ~~or~~ map, monitor, or otherwise collect visual, photographic, video, geospatial, thermal, or other sensory information regarding critical infrastructure, a military installation, a correctional or detention facility, an emergency response site, or any large event for the purposes of identifying vulnerabilities, security measures, ingress or egress routes, response patterns, or other operational features or for any other unlawful purposes, including facilitating, planning, committing or attempting espionage, terrorism, or sabotage, unlawful interference with operations, or any other criminal act; or

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 55-1-110(F) and inserting:

(F)(1) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

~~(1)(a)~~ (a) law enforcement, emergency responders, military personnel, or employees of any state, county, municipal, or local agency or department acting within the scope of their employment or official duties;

~~(2)(b)~~ (b) any utility provider, or their authorized agents engaged in activities related to operations, inspection, maintenance, construction, vegetation management, damage assessment, emergency storm response, or restoration of services, or monitoring, maintaining, repairing, or enhancing electric, communications, water conveyance, or transportation infrastructure, provided those operations comply with applicable FAA regulations; provided that the utility provider or their authorized agent notifies the authorizing authority identified in subsection (C)(1), or the authority's designee, no more than five days and no less than two hours prior to each operation, and must include the registration number the FAA issued for the UAS; or

~~(3) FAA authorized commercial drone operations conducted in compliance with federal law; or~~

~~(4)(c)~~ (c) State-approved research and agricultural drone operations with appropriate permits.

(2) Subsection (C)(1)(b) does not apply to a commercial or recreational drone operator operating, landing, or taking off in compliance with applicable federal law. This exemption does not authorize such persons to operate, land, or take off a drone directly above critical infrastructure unless the operation is conducted with the prior

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express written consent of the owner of the critical infrastructure, or the person or entity lawfully in control of the critical infrastructure, and does not apply if the operation is undertaken with the intent described in subsection (C)(4)(b).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE 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 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hartz	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Howard	Huff	J. E. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Long
Lowe	Luck	Magnuson
Martin	McCabe	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore

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T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

**Total--108**

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. 4706--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4706 -- Reps. Rutherford, Neese, Chumley, Hartnett, Gilliard, Rivers and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN RACING FACILITIES, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, FROM BEING SUBJECT TO NUISANCE AND TAKING CAUSES OF ACTION FROM A SURROUNDING LANDOWNER.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4706 (LC-4706.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 15-1-350, by adding subsections to read:

(C) A racing facility must have made reasonable progress in the construction of the racing facility within two years of obtaining all required permits in order to avail themselves of the protections contained in subsection (B).

(D) Nothing in this section can be read to limit nuisance actions of

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a law enforcement agency or government entity that are initiated to prohibit activity that is not related to the lawful construction and operation of a racing facility.

Renumber sections to conform.  
Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD 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 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

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

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Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terrible	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Wickensimer	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

**Total--110**

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. 4248--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson, Hixon, Pope, Hewitt, Cobb-Hunter, Forrest, M. M. Smith, Hartnett, Luck, Gilliard, Rivers, W. Newton, Guest, J. Moore and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-25-220 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL SHRIMP AND SHRIMP PRODUCTS SOLD IN THIS STATE HAVE A LABEL NOTING THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF THE SHRIMP.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Burns

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Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	Huff
J. E. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lastinger	Lawson
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCrary	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinnakis
Taylor	Teeple	Terribile
Waters	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

**Total--103**

Those who voted in the negative are:

**Total--0**

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

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**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4248. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Adam Duncan

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

**RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR**

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

**H. 5069--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5069 -- Reps. T. Moore, Bradley, Wooten, Brittain, Bernstein, Holman, Ford, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, B. Newton, Rivers, Anderson, Kirby, McDaniel, Caskey, Erickson, Reese, Chapman, Govan, Yow, Bustos, Martin, Sessions, Gatch, M. M. Smith, D. Mitchell, Guest, Neese, Pedalino, Bauer, W. Newton, Gilreath, Gilliam, Luck, Pope, Ligon, Cox, J. L. Johnson, Guffey, Bowers, Jordan, Collins, Duncan, Teeple, Lawson, Sanders, Montgomery, Ballentine, Brewer, Gagnon, Haddon, Hartnett, Hartz, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Jones, Lowe, Robbins, Cromer, Oremus, Davis, Gilliard, Gibson, McCravy and C. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 61 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PROTECTED LANDS AND CONSERVATION COORDINATION ACT"; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO RECOGNIZE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS AN IMPORTANT STATE INTEREST; TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE PROTECTED LAND BENCHMARK; AND TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATION OF LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS AND ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 2

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Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Duncan	Edgerton	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
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	McCray
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Scott	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Teeple	Terrible	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach

Frank

**Total--2**

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

**H. 5111--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5111 -- Reprs. Forrest, Lastinger, Hartz, Gibson, McCravy, Reese and Duncan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 5-31-60 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PROPERTY OWNERS TO DRILL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN PRIVATE WATER WELLS ON AGRICULTURAL OR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO PROHIBIT COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES FROM MANDATING CONNECTION TO MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS ABSENT A DOCUMENTED PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT; TO ESTABLISH PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE; TO PREEMPT CONFLICTING LOCAL ORDINANCES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5111 (LC-5111.PH0002H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 6-1-200. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Political subdivision" includes, but is not limited to, a municipality, county, special purpose district, or public service district.

(2) "Impaired water quality" means a written determination by the Department of Environmental Services or the Department of Public Health that a public water system serving the jurisdiction is not in compliance with applicable state or federal drinking water standards.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a political subdivision may not adopt, enforce, or maintain an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that prohibits or unreasonably restricts the drilling, servicing, repair, installation, operation, or maintenance of a private

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water well located on and serving either agricultural or single-family residential property consisting of one-half acre or more.

(1) Any property owner utilizing a well while connected to a water system must install necessary backflow prevention devices inspected and approved by the water provider or their third-party designee and the inspection costs must be paid by the property owner.

(2) Political subdivisions operating a water system must create a registry for all property owners utilizing a well where water service is available. Property owners must register the well with the political subdivision.

(3) Where water service is available from a political subdivision at the time of well installation, a property owner is subject to any base charges, fees, or assessments imposed by the political subdivision, notwithstanding the installation or use of a private well, and regardless of the amount of water consumed from the water system.

(C) Upon a determination of impaired water quality pursuant to item (A)(2), and notwithstanding another provision of law, a political subdivision may not adopt, enforce, or maintain an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that prohibits or unreasonably restricts the drilling, servicing, repair, installation, operation, or maintenance of a private water well on agricultural or residential property consisting of one-half acre or more otherwise authorized under state law.

(D) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a political subdivision cannot require connection to a water system if the system is unable to provide service to that property. If the political subdivision is unable to provide services, the providing entity must notify the property owner in writing within thirty days of the request for service.

(E) Nothing in this section may be construed to authorize a property owner to disconnect from a water system provided by a political subdivision and property connected to such a water system must remain connected to the system.

(F) Nothing in this section alters the regulation, operation, or permitting of public or community wells regulated under state or federal law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BURNS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

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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	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bowers
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Gilreath	Govan
Grant	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hartz	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Holman	Hosey
Huff	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lastinger	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Luck
Magnuson	Martin	McCabe
McCrary	McDaniel	McGinnis
C. Mitchell	D. Mitchell	Montgomery
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rankin	Reese
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Scott
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Teeple
Terribile	Waters	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

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Wickensimer  
Yow

Willis

Wooten

**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.

**H. 5217--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5217 -- Reps. Hixon, Haddon, Forrest and Luck: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-650, RELATING TO DEER HUNTING, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANTERLESS DEER TAGS AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF ANTLERED DEER TAGS.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Duncan
Edgerton	Erickson	Forrest
Frank	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Gilreath	Govan	Grant
Guest	Guffey	Hager

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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	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rankin	Reese	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Scott	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Teeple	Terrible	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Wickensimer	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

**Total--110**

Those who voted in the negative are:

Yow

**Total--1**

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

**ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR**

**H. 5473--ORDERED TO THIRD READING**

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5473 -- Reps. Lowe and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 15

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TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 50 SO AS TO PROHIBIT FISHING ON  
THE J. FOSTER JEFFORDS CAUSEWAY IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bowers	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Grant
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hartz
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Holman	Hosey	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lastinger
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Luck	McCrary
McDaniel	McGinnis	C. Mitchell
D. Mitchell	Montgomery	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rankin
Reese	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Scott	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Teeple	Waters
Weeks	Wetmore	Wickensimer
Williams	Willis	Wooten

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Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Duncan	Edgerton
Frank	Gilreath	Guffey
Harris	Huff	Kilmartin
Landing	Magnuson	Martin
McCabe	Pace	Terrible
White	Whitmire	

**Total--20**

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

**STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL**

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5473. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Heath Sessions

Rep. FORREST 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. 5499 -- Rep. Hart: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PASTORS AND CONGREGATION OF RIGHT DIRECTION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL OF COLUMBIA FOR THREE DECADES OF MINISTRY AND SERVICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:40 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Dale Moore, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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