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THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**  
**(Statewide Session)**

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~

Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 11:00 A.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Psalm 66:1-2

We read that the Psalmist urges us to: "Shout with joy to God, all the earth. Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!"

Join me as we bow in prayer, please: Most glorious and ever-loving God, here in the State of South Carolina, we are so very blessed. And yes, there are challenges and difficult matters that continue calling out for attention, we all know that, of course. Nonetheless, those matters must never be allowed to overshadow the good that is always right there before us, as well. And all serving in this Senate -- indeed all South Carolinians -- need to unfailingly praise God for the rich gifts that surround us all. Therefore, O Lord, know how truly thankful we all are, and continue to lead these Senators and staff members as they together work on specific ways to assure our people that the future for our State will be one of ever-increasing blessings -- to the benefit of all. So we pray in Your loving name, dear Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

**Call of the Senate**

Senator PEELER moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Hutto	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey

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Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointment was transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

**Local Appointment**

Reappointment, York County Natural Gas Authority, with the term to commence March 31, 2026, and to expire March 31, 2029

Clover:

Brian M. Hall III, 219 Neely Road, Clover, SC 29710

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator ZELL introduced Dr. Mayes DuBose of Sumter, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator BRIGHT, at 11:11 A.M., Senator FERNANDEZ was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator CLIMER, at 1:35 P.M., Senator GAMBRELL was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator CLIMER, at 1:49 P.M., Senator CORBIN was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator CLIMER, at 1:49 P.M., Senator GOLDFINCH was granted a leave of absence for today.

**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, at 4:30 P.M., Senator KENNEDY was granted a leave of absence until March 25, 2026.

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**Leave of Absence**

On motion of Senator SABB, at 4:38 P.M., Senator JACKSON was granted a leave of absence for the balance of the day.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator GROOMS rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Expression of Personal Interest**

Senator BENNETT rose for an Expression of Personal Interest.

**Remarks to be Printed**

On motion of Senator CAMPSER, with unanimous consent, the remarks of Senator BENNETT, when reduced to writing and made available to the Desk, would be printed in the Journal.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

S. 1019 Sen. Adams  
S. 385 Sen. Tedder  
S. 831 Sen. Bennett

**RECALLED**

H. 4567 -- Reps. Chapman and C. Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF THE EAST-WEST PARKWAY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 TO SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 81 IN THE CITY OF ANDERSON IN ANDERSON COUNTY "RICHARD A. SHIRLEY MEMORIAL PARKWAY" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Senator GROOMS asked unanimous consent to make a motion to recall the Concurrent Resolution from the Committee on Transportation.

The Concurrent Resolution was recalled from the Committee on Transportation and ordered placed on the Calendar for consideration tomorrow.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

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S. 1034 -- Senator Massey: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE STROM THURMOND HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR'S 2026 STATE HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1035 -- Senator Devine: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE UPON THE PASSING OF FANNIE MAE MCELVEEN GEDDIS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 1036 -- Senators Blackmon, Verdin and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-31-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RENTER OF A RENTAL VEHICLE MAY AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE RENTAL VEHICLE THE RENTER'S AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY UP TO ITS LIMITS OF LIABILITY BEFORE THE RENTAL COMPANY MUST PAY.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

S. 1037 -- Senators Kimbrell, Garrett, Rice and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM CHATBOTS ACT"; BY ADDING CHAPTER 81 TO TITLE 39, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATED TO CHAT BOT USAGE; TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ENTITY SHALL MAKE A LIMITED-ACCESS MODE OF A CHATBOT AVAILABLE AND VERIFY THE USER'S AGE; TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PARENT PROVIDES CONSENT, THEN A MINOR SHALL BE ABLE TO USE A CHATBOT IN LIMITED-ACCESS MODE OR ACCESS RESTRICTED FEATURES; TO PROHIBIT A COVERED ENTITY FROM PRIORITIZING ENGAGEMENT AT THE EXPENSE OF THE USER'S WELLBEING; TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES TO REPORT INCIDENTS OF HARM

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THAT A CHATBOT INFLICTS ON A MINOR; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 1038 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-340 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE FIRST DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

S. 1039 -- Senators Stubbs, Goldfinch and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD SUBSTITUTED TRYPTAMINES TO THE LIST OF SCHEDULE I SUBSTANCES.

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Senator STUBBS spoke on the Bill.

Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 1040 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF INTERSTATE 77 FROM UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 1 TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 20 IN RICHLAND COUNTY "PRESIDENT BARACK H. OBAMA HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

S. 1041 -- Senator Ott: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE MULTICULTURAL BUSINESSES ACROSS THE STATE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH, INNOVATION, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, AND TO DESIGNATE APRIL 14, 2026, AS "MULTICULTURAL BUSINESS ALLIANCE DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 1042 -- Senators Young, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Blackmon, Bright, Campsen, Cash, Chaplin, Climer, Corbin, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Elliott, Fernandez, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Graham, Grooms, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kimbrell, Leber, Martin, Massey, Matthews, Ott, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Stubbs, Sutton, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Walker, Williams and Zell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BILL REYNOLDS OF AIKEN COUNTY FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CIVIC LEADERSHIP, DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND EXCEPTIONAL ROLE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE "ALL HANDS ON DECK" CAMPAIGN FOR AIKEN SENIOR LIFE SERVICES AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR MANY YEARS OF VOLUNTEERISM THAT HAS STRENGTHENED THE CITY OF AIKEN AND IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ITS CITIZENS.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered sent to the House.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 862 -- Senators Tedder and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-17-412 SO AS TO ALLOW PARENTS TO MAKE CERTAIN HEALTHCARE DECISIONS FOR CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IF THE CHILD QUALIFIES AS A DEPENDENT ON AND IS COVERED BY THE PARENTS' HEALTH INSURANCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

S. 893 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE STATE UNDERGROUND PETROLEUM ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE BANK ACT OF 1988, SO AS TO DEFINE A PIPELINE FACILITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH 49 U.S.C. CHAPTER 601; BY AMENDING

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SECTION 44-2-40, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ACCOUNT AND SUPERB FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FUND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR SITE REHABILITATION BY THE FUND AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-60, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FEE, SO AS TO SET CERTAIN YEARS FOR THE RENEWAL FEE TO BE ADJUSTED; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-130, RELATING TO COMPENSATION FROM THE SUPERB ACCOUNT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-2-150, RELATING TO THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SUPERB ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

S. 895 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD TO THE DEFINITION OF "HOSPITAL" ALL HOSPITALS THAT CONVERT TO RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable with amendment report on:

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

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AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “RENTAL TRAILER”; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALER MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “BUS”; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM “CERTIFIED” AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM “NORMAL.”

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3967 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon, Brewer, Bannister, Forrest, Herbkersman, Hixon, Duncan and Sanders: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-23-185 SO AS TO DEFINE “BIOMASS” AND OTHER RELEVANT TERMS; TO REQUIRE THAT ENERGY PRODUCED FROM CERTAIN SOURCES BE CONSIDERED CARBON NEUTRAL AND FROM OTHER SOURCES CARBON NEGATIVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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**Appointment Reported**

Senator GROOMS from the Committee on Transportation submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointment**

Initial Appointment, South Carolina State Ports Authority Board of Directors, with the term to commence February 13, 2026, and to expire February 13, 2031

At-Large:

Thomas A. Limehouse, Jr., Esquire, P.O. Box 338, Charleston, SC 29402 *VICE* William A. Coates

Received as information.

**Appointments Reported**

Senator VERDIN from the Committee on Medical Affairs submitted a favorable report on:

**Statewide Appointments**

Reappointment, State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, with the term to commence June 2, 2026, and to expire June 2, 2030

Speech-Language Pathologist:

Sarah Davis Emory, 621 Crystal Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302-2716

Received as information.

Reappointment, South Carolina State Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology, with the term to commence June 30, 2025, and to expire June 30, 2029

Speech-Language Pathologist:

Beth Montgomery, 14 Hillstone Court, Columbia, SC 29212

Received as information.

**CARRIED OVER**

Having voted on the prevailing side, Senator CHAPLIN moved to reconsider the vote whereby second reading of H. 3924 failed on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

Senator MASSEY moved to carry over the motion to reconsider the vote on H. 3924.

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**RECESS**

At 11:39 A.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate recessed from business.

At 1:28 P.M., the Senate resumed.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**THIRD READING BILL**

S. 1020 -- Senator Kennedy: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 4 BE ON A PARTISAN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2028.

On motion of Senator KENNEDY.

**Recorded Vote**

Senator MASSEY desired to be recorded as voting against the third reading of the Bill.

**ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION**

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

H. 5182 -- Reps. Hager, Erickson and W. Newton: A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL TO PROVIDE LOCAL FUNDS ON A PER-PUPIL BASIS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY THAT SATISFY CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL MAY DESIGNATE AND ALLOCATE ANY COUNTY REVENUE SOURCE FOR ALLOCATION TO ELIGIBLE CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THE SUBSECTION.

On motion of Senator DAVIS.

**AMENDED, READ THE THIRD TIME**

S. 831 -- Senators Grooms, Jackson, Kimbrell, Sutton and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY AND DEFINE ITS MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; SO AS TO MANDATE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE LONG-RANGE

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STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN; SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARIES; SO AS TO ALLOW THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS; SO AS TO WAIVE THE STATE'S IMMUNITY; SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER INTO RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS TO ENFORCE TOLL VIOLATIONS; SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CANCELLATION OF PROJECTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COSTS CAUSED BY AN UNREASONABLE DELAY ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY; SO AS TO IDENTIFY AND TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF NON-ESSENTIAL ROADS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; SO AS TO INCLUDE NONTAX REVENUES OR OTHER LEGALLY AVAILABLE FUNDS AS A SOURCE FOR FUNDING TURNPIKE FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1330, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT WITH OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN DESIGNATING, ESTABLISHING, PLANNING, ABANDONING, FINANCING, IMPROVING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, AND REGULATING TURNPIKE FACILITIES; SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO USE PHASED DESIGN-BUILD AS A PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD AND PROSCRIBE THE PROCEDURE FOR ENTERING INTO A PHASED DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT; SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO AWARD HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS USING A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR PROCEDURE; RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE FUEL FEES FOR VEHICLES POWERED BY ELECTRICITY, HYDROGEN, AND FUELS OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, SO AS TO INCREASE FEES, PROVIDE FOR ADJUSTMENT OF THE FEES, AND TO CREDIT THE FEES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND; RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR THE PURCHASE AND MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; SO AS TO PRESCRIBE A USER FEE ON ELECTRICITY CONSUMED WHEN USING A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION; SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES AND PROCEDURES FOR USING "C" FUNDS REVENUES;

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The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SMIN-831.MW0009S), which was withdrawn:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 18, by striking Section 12-28-2740(N), (M), (N), and (Q) and inserting:

~~—(N) In Georgetown County, appointments made pursuant to this section are governed by the provisions of Act 515 of 1996 and Section 2, Act 141 of 2001.~~

~~(O)(M) Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the legislative delegation of a county may by delegation resolution abolish the county transportation committee and devolve its powers and duties to appoint the members of the committee on the governing body of the county. This devolution may be reversed and the county transportation committee reestablished by a subsequent delegation resolution. The exercise of county transportation committee powers and duties by a county governing body is not deemed to constitute dual office holding.~~

~~(P)(M)(N)~~ The Department of Transportation shall perform reviews to ensure compliance with subsections ~~(C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4), (C)(5), (C)(6), (C)(7), (C)(D), (D)(E), (E)(G), and (H)(J)~~. A county failing to comply with these subsections must have all subsequent “C” fund allocations withheld until the requirements of those subsections are met. If a county fails to comply with those subsections within twenty-four months, then the county forfeits fifty percent of its allocations for the following year and the forfeited amount must be divided among the other counties as provided in subsection (A).

~~(Q)(N)(O)~~ A county subject to a proposed withholding or forfeiture of “C” fund allocations pursuant to this section must be notified in writing of the ~~department's~~ Department's decision. The county, within sixty days of receipt of notice of the decision, may request a review of the decision by a panel consisting of the state highway engineer or his designee, the chairman of the affected county's transportation committee or his designee, and a third person named by mutual agreement between the state highway engineer and the county transportation committee chairman. The panel shall meet and render a decision within ninety days of the request by the county transportation committee. The decision of the panel may be appealed by requesting a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court pursuant to Section 1-23-600 and the rules of procedure for the Administrative Law Court. The request for a hearing must be made within thirty days of receipt of the panel's decision.

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~~(R)(Q)(P)~~ The legislative delegation of the county, by resolution, may rename the county transportation committee established by this section as the (insert name of county) Legislative Delegation transportation committee. Upon the adoption of such a resolution, all references in this section and any other provisions of law to the county transportation committee, for purposes of that county, are deemed references to that county's legislative delegation transportation committee.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

On motion of Senator HUTTO, with unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Senators CLIMER, BENNETT and JOHNSON proposed the following amendment (SR-831.CEM0011S), which was withdrawn:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 57 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 57-1-375. (A) Upon notification from a county that the county has enacted a sales tax under Section 4-10-310 or Section 4-37-30 that include projects to improve the state highway system, the department must review the priority list for projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8) to see if the projects proposed under the sales tax enacted by the county are also on the department's priority list of projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8).

(B) The department shall provide certification within ninety days to the county if a project proposed under an enacted sales tax by that county is also on the department's priority list of projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8).

(C) In the event the county funds in its entirety a project certified by the department pursuant to subsection (B), the department shall reprioritize the next project within that county that is also on the department's priority list of projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8) in place of the project funded by the county. This subsection does not apply to bridges that are closed, load posted, or structurally deficient.

(D) The county must notify the department within ninety days of the enactment of a sales tax that includes the purpose of project to improve the state highway system.

Renumber sections to conform.

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Amend title to conform.

On motion of Senator BENNETT, with unanimous consent, the amendment was withdrawn.

Senator HUTTO proposed the following amendment (SMIN-831.MW0013S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 18, by striking Section 12-28-2740(N), (M), (N), and (Q) and inserting:

~~(N) In Georgetown County, appointments made pursuant to this section are governed by the provisions of Act 515 of 1996 and Section 2, Act 141 of 2001.~~

~~(O)~~ ~~(M)~~ Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the legislative delegation of a county may by delegation resolution ~~abolish the county transportation committee and devolve its powers and duties to appoint the members of the committee to on the governing body of the county. This devolution may be reversed and the county transportation committee reestablished by a subsequent delegation resolution. The exercise of county transportation committee powers and duties by a county governing body is not deemed to constitute dual office holding.~~

~~(P)~~~~(M)~~~~(N)~~ The Department of Transportation shall perform reviews to ensure compliance with subsections (C)(2), (C)(3), (C)(4), (C)(5), (C)(6), (C)(7), ~~(C)(D), ~~(D)~~(E), ~~(F)~~(G), and ~~(H)~~(J).~~ A county failing to comply with these subsections must have all subsequent “C” fund allocations withheld until the requirements of those subsections are met. If a county fails to comply with those subsections within twenty-four months, then the county forfeits fifty percent of its allocations for the following year and the forfeited amount must be divided among the other counties as provided in subsection (A).

~~(Q)~~~~(N)~~~~(O)~~ A county subject to a proposed withholding or forfeiture of “C” fund allocations pursuant to this section must be notified in writing of the ~~department's~~ Department's decision. The county, within sixty days of receipt of notice of the decision, may request a review of the decision by a panel consisting of the state highway engineer or his designee, the chairman of the affected county's transportation committee or his designee, and a third person named by mutual agreement between the state highway engineer and the county transportation committee chairman. The panel shall meet and render a decision within ninety days of the request by the county transportation committee. The decision of the panel may be appealed by requesting a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court pursuant to Section 1-23-600 and the rules

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of procedure for the Administrative Law Court. The request for a hearing must be made within thirty days of receipt of the panel's decision.

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Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator HUTTO explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

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(B) The department shall provide certification within ninety days to the county if a project proposed to be funded from funds appropriated by that county is also on the department's priority list of projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8).

(C) In the event the county funds in its entirety a project certified by the department pursuant to subsection (B), the department shall reprioritize the next project within that county that is also on the department's priority list of projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 57-1-370(B)(8) in place of the project funded by the county. This subsection does not apply to bridges that are closed, load posted, or structurally deficient.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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Senator BENNETT explained the amendment.

The amendment was adopted.

The question being the third reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 37; Nays 1**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Garrett	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Stubbs
Sutton	Tedder	Turner
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

**Total--37**

**NAYS**

Bright

**Total--1**

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the third time, passed and ordered sent to the House.

**READ THE THIRD TIME  
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

S. 504 -- Senators Blackmon, Hembree, Zell, Chaplin, Nutt, Stubbs, Fernandez, Elliott, Walker, Ott and Graham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

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44-53-445, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES WITHIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOLS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CHILD CARE FACILITIES AND DAY PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE RELATED DEFINITIONS.

**CARRIED OVER**

S. 808 -- Senators Rankin, Alexander and Zell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-7-10, RELATING TO ILLEGAL ACTS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THAT HARASSING OR THREATENING A WORKER RESTORING CRITICAL SERVICES IS A MISDEMEANOR, AND THAT ASSAULTING OR ENDANGERING A WORKER RESTORING OR DESTROYING OR TAMPERING WITH AN ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM IS A FELONY, AND TO DEFINE CRITICAL SERVICES.

On motion of Senator HUTTO, the Bill was carried over.

**OBJECTION**

S. 823 -- Senators Reichenbach, Hutto, Devine and Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-7-2630 AND 63-9-765 SO AS TO REQUIRE FAMILY COURTS TO CONSIDER THE APPROPRIATENESS OF NO CONTACT ORDERS OR SUPERVISED-CONTACT ORDERS WHEN TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS OR FINALIZING ADOPTIONS; TO AUTHORIZE THESE ORDERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senator GARRETT proposed the following amendment (SJ-823.SW0004S):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-7-2630(B) and inserting:

(B) Upon motion of any party, except for a person who is the subject of the termination of parental rights action, or at the discretion of the court, when the court enters an order terminating parental rights pursuant to this article, the court ~~shall~~ may:

(1) consider whether a no contact order or supervised-contact order between the child and any biological parent or relative is necessary to protect the child's safety, welfare, or attachment to the prospective adoptive family or other caregiver; and

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(2) if the court determines that a no contact order or supervised-contact order is not necessary, make written findings on the record stating the factual basis for that determination.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 63-9-765(B) and inserting:

(B) Upon motion of any party or at the discretion of the court, when the court enters a final decree of adoption pursuant to this article, the court ~~shall~~ may:

(1) consider whether a no contact order or supervised-contact order between the child and any biological parent or relative is necessary to protect the child's safety, welfare, or attachment to the adoptive family; and

(2) if the court determines that a no contact order or supervised-contact order is not necessary, make written findings on the record stating the factual basis for that determination.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator GARRETT explained the amendment.

**Objection**

Senator GARRETT moved under Rule 26B to take up further amendments on third reading.

Senator HUTTO objected to further consideration of the Bill.

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S. 829 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-50, RELATING TO APPLICATION FILED WITH SECRETARY OF STATE, SO AS TO REVISE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-60, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-70, RELATING TO CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP OF JOINT SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT WHEN A NEW MEMBER IS ADDED TO A JOINT SYSTEM; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-80,

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RELATING TO DISSOLUTION OF SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR JOINT SYSTEM RECONSTITUTION AND MEMBER WITHDRAWAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-110, RELATING TO AUTHORIZATION TO INCUR DEBT AND ISSUE BONDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR BOND ISSUANCE BY A COMMISSION APPOINTED ENTIRELY BY THE GOVERNOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-25-128, RELATING TO CONTRACTS BETWEEN AUTHORITY AND JOINT SYSTEM; DURATION, SO AS TO PERMIT AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF CONTRACT PROVISIONS COMMENSURATE WITH TERMS OF BONDS OR OTHER INDEBTEDNESS.

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

The question then was third reading of the Bill.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 40; Nays 0**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Bright
Campsen	Cash	Chaplin
Climer	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Garrett	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Hutto
Jackson	Johnson	Kennedy
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey
Matthews	Ott	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
Zell		

**Total--40**

**NAYS**

**Total--0**

The Bill was read the third time, ordered sent to the House.

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**READ THE THIRD TIME  
SENT TO THE HOUSE**

The following Bill was read the third time and ordered sent to the House:

S. 961 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1705, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE CATCH LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1710, RELATING TO SIZE LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REVISE THE SIZE LIMIT FOR RED DRUM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-1700, RELATING TO EQUIPMENT FOR THE CATCHING OF SALTWATER GAME FISH, SO AS TO REQUIRE A NON-OFFSET, NON-STAINLESS STEEL CIRCLE HOOK WHEN USING A HANDHELD HOOK AND LINE AND A HOOK SIZE OF 4/0 OR LARGER.

**Recorded Vote**

Senator CHAPLIN desired to be recorded as voting against the third reading of the Bill.

**HOUSE BILLS RETURNED**

The following Bills were read the third time and ordered returned to the House with amendments.

H. 3629 -- Rep. T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-120, RELATING TO FORESTRY COMMISSION ACQUISITIONS, SO AS TO SET PRICING VALUES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-23-132, RELATING TO REVENUES FROM SPECIFIED SOURCES, SO AS TO OUTLINE WHAT THE FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-60, RELATING TO DUTIES AND POWERS OF COUNTY FORESTRY BOARDS AND EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO SPECIFY DUTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-70, RELATING TO FOREST FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO UPDATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 48-33-80, RELATING TO ACCESS TO PROPERTY, SO AS TO DESIGNATE WHO MAY ACCESS LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING OR CONTROLLING FIRES; BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-270 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION, REFORESTATION, TIMBER STAND IMPROVEMENT, AND HARVEST CUTTING IN STATE

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PARKS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 48-23-280 RELATING TO USE OF REVENUE FOR SCRUB OAK ERADICATION AND REFORESTATION IN MANCHESTER AND SANDHILLS STATE FORESTS.

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

**ADOPTED**

H. 4919 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAYS 278 AND 301 IN THE TOWN OF ALLENDALE IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS JOHNNIE DOCTOR JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND PLACE APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

**RECESS**

At 1:53 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate recessed from business.

At 4:30 P.M., the Senate resumed.

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**Motion Adopted**

Having voted on the prevailing side, Senator CHAPLIN moved to reconsider the vote whereby second reading of H. 3924 failed on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

The motion was adopted.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, with unanimous consent, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of H. 3924 on the contested Statewide Calendar.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE CONTESTED STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**AMENDED, READ THE SECOND TIME**

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

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the Bill.

Senators CROMER and LEBER proposed the following amendment (SJ-3924.MB0069S), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 46-55-5 and inserting:

Section 46-55-5. The purpose of this chapter is to regulate the sale and distribution of hemp products. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the manufacture, sale, and distribution of hemp-cannabinoid products are strictly prohibited unless specifically provided for in this chapter and Chapters 2, 4, 6, and 14 of Title 61, and synthetic cannabis products are strictly prohibited and a violation should be treated as marijuana under Chapter 53, Title 44.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 46-55-10(17) and inserting:

~~(11)~~(17) "Marijuana" has the same meaning as in Section 44-53-110 and does not include tetrahydrocannabinol in hemp or hemp products as

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defined herein or hemp-cannabinoid beverages or chewables as defined in Section 61-14-20.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 61-2-136 and inserting:

Section 61-2-136. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a currently licensed beer and wine wholesaler~~—or~~, currently licensed alcoholic liquor wholesaler, or currently licensed hemp-cannabinoid product wholesaler who wishes to relocate the licensed business to a new location within the State must notify the department. This notice must be in writing, must precisely describe the premises to be licensed, must give the date of the move, and must be filed with the department at least thirty days prior to the move. Upon receipt of this notice, the department shall transfer the permit to the new premises effective on the date of the move. In addition to a hemp-cannabinoid product wholesaler license, the person must also have a wholesale license for alcoholic liquor and continue purchase, store, keep, possess, import into this State, transport, sell, and deliver both hemp-cannabinoid products and or liquor in the new location.

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

SECTION X. Chapter 4, Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-4-15. (A) “Hemp-cannabinoid beverage” is a chemically intoxicating beverage subject to the exercise of the police power of the General Assembly, pursuant to Section 1, Article VIII-A of the South Carolina Constitution.

(B) For the purposes of this chapter, hemp-cannabinoid beverages that contain no more than five milligrams of an allowable THC concentration in a single serving in a twelve-ounce container shall be treated as beer or wine as described in Chapter 4, except for the provisions in Chapter 14 including creation of hemp-cannabinoid product licenses, violations, and penalties.

SECTION X. Sections 61-4-20 through 61-4-70 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 61-4-20. It is unlawful for a person to sell or permit to be sold beer, ale, porter, wine, malt, hemp-cannabinoid beverage, or other beverage authorized to be sold under this chapter on which the tax levied has not been paid. A person having charge of the sale of one of these beverages who sells or permits it to be sold in violation of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, for each offense must be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one

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hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, in the discretion of the court.

Section 61-4-30. Beer, or wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverages sold by wholesalers to the holders of retail licenses in this State must be sold for cash only at the time of delivery or prior to delivery. For purposes of this section, "cash" means money or a bona fide check, money order, or electronic transfer of funds if the transfer of funds is initiated by an irrevocable payment order on or before delivery of the beer or wine. The electronic transfer must be initiated by the wholesaler no later than one business day after delivery. A holder of a retail permit who issues a check or an irrevocable payment order in payment for beer or wine with insufficient funds at the bank to cover the check violates the provisions of this section. This provision for cash payment applies to cash deposits on empties when beer is delivered in returnable containers. This deposit on bottles or draft beer containers must not be less than the charge from the brewery to the wholesaler.

Section 61-4-40. A holder of a beer permit, or a beer and wine permit, or a hemp-cannabinoid permit may not purchase beer, or wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverages, or both, on credit by a dishonored check, an unpaid note or invoice, or other insufficient manner from a permitted beer and wine wholesaler. However, no action may be taken against the holder for a first violation of this section. If a holder commits a second or subsequent violation, his retailer's permit may be suspended, canceled, or revoked by the department, or a monetary penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars may be assessed against him.

Section 61-4-50. (A) It is unlawful for a person to sell beer, ale, porter, wine, hemp-cannabinoid beverage, or other similar malt or fermented beverage to a person under twenty-one years of age. A person who makes a sale in violation of this section, upon conviction:

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

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

(B) Failure of a person to require identification to verify a person's age is prima facie evidence of the violation of this section.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section also is required to successfully complete a DAODAS-an Office of Substance Use Services approved merchant alcohol enforcement education

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program. The program must be a minimum of two hours and the cost to the person may not exceed fifty dollars.

(D)(1) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this section, pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a sale in violation of this section, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon terms and conditions as it requires provided that one such condition must be that he complete the merchant education program described in subsection (C). Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section must be without court adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions. However, a nonpublic record must be forwarded to and retained by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division for the purpose of use by the courts in determining whether or not a person has committed a subsequent offense under this section. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division must produce this record upon subpoena or court order. Discharge and dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to any person.

(2) Upon the dismissal of the person and discharge of the proceedings against him pursuant to item (1), the person may apply to the court for an order to expunge from all official records, other than the nonpublic records to be retained as provided in item (1), all recordation relating to his arrest, indictment or information, trial, finding of guilt, and dismissal and discharge pursuant to this section. If the court determines, after the hearing, that the person was dismissed and the proceedings against him discharged, it shall enter the order. The effect of the order is to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before the arrest or indictment or information. No person as to whom the order has been entered may be held pursuant to another provision of law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, or indictment or information, or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose, except when the person is providing sworn statements or giving testimony under oath. A conditional discharge granted pursuant to this section does not preclude a person from availing themselves of subsequent pre-trial diversion options provided by law.

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(3) Before a person may be discharged and the proceedings dismissed pursuant to this subsection, the person must pay a fee of three hundred fifty dollars if the person is in a general sessions court and one hundred fifty dollars if the person is in a summary court. No portion of the fee may be waived, reduced, or suspended, except in cases of indigency. If the court determines that a person is indigent, the court may partially or totally waive, reduce, or suspend the fee. The revenue collected pursuant to this item must be retained by the jurisdiction that heard or processed the case and paid to the State Treasurer within thirty days of receipt. The State Treasurer shall transmit these funds to the Prosecution Coordination Commission which shall then apportion these funds among the sixteen judicial circuits on a per capita basis equal to the population in that circuit compared to the population of the State as a whole based on the most recent official United States census. The funds must be used for drug treatment court programs only. The amounts generated by this subsection are in addition to any amounts presently being provided for drug treatment court programs and may not be used to supplant funding already allocated for these services. The State Treasurer may request the State Auditor to examine the financial records of a jurisdiction which he believes is not timely transmitting the funds required to be paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to this subsection. The State Auditor is further authorized to conduct these examinations and the local jurisdiction is required to participate in and cooperate fully with the examination.

(4) Conditional discharge may only be granted by the court in accordance with the provisions of this section upon approval of the circuit solicitor or prosecuting officer.

(E) Violations for sale of hemp-cannabinoid beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one are provided for in Section 61-14-320.

Section 61-4-60. It is unlawful for a person to whom ~~beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage cannot be lawfully sold to knowingly give false information concerning his age for the purpose of purchasing beer ~~or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage. A person who violates the provisions of this section, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Section 61-4-70. A person engaged in the business of selling at retail ~~beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage must post in each location for which he has obtained a permit a sign with the following words printed thereon: "The possession of beer, wine, hemp-cannabinoid beverage, or alcoholic liquors, by a person under twenty-one years of age

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is a criminal offense under the laws of this State, and it is also unlawful for a person to knowingly give false information concerning his age for the purpose of purchasing beer, wine, hemp-cannabinoid beverage or liquor". The department must prescribe by regulation the size of the lettering and the location of the sign on the seller's premises.

A retail seller of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage who fails to display the sign required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.

A person found guilty of a violation of Section 61-6-1530 and this section may not be sentenced under both sections for the same offense.

SECTION X. Sections 61-4-90 through 61-4-100 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 61-4-90. (A) It is unlawful for a person to transfer or give to a person under the age of twenty-one years for the purpose of consumption of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage in the State, unless the person under the age of twenty-one is recruited and authorized by a law enforcement agency to test a person's compliance with laws relating to the unlawful transfer or sale of beer and wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage to a minor. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

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

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

(B) A person found guilty of a violation of Section 61-6-4070 and this section may not be sentenced under both sections for the same offense.

(C) The provisions of this section do not apply to a:

(1) spouse over the age of twenty-one giving beer or wine to his spouse under the age of twenty-one in their home;

(2) parent or guardian over the age of twenty-one giving beer or wine to his children or wards under the age of twenty-one in their home;  
or

(3) person giving beer or wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage to another person under the age of twenty-one in conjunction with a religious ceremony or purpose if the beer or wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage was lawfully purchased.

(D) A person eighteen years of age and over lawfully employed to serve or remove beer, wine, or alcoholic beverages in establishments

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licensed to sell these beverages are not considered to be in unlawful possession of the beverages during the course and scope of their duties as an employee. The provisions of this subsection do not affect the requirement that a bartender must be at least twenty-one years of age.

(E) This section does not apply to an employee lawfully engaged in the sale or delivery of these beverages in an unopened container.

(F) The provisions of this section do not apply to a student who:

(1) is eighteen years of age or older;

(2) is enrolled in an accredited college or university and a student in a culinary course that has been approved through review by the State Commission on Higher Education;

(3) is required to taste, but not consume or imbibe, any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage as part of the required curriculum; and

(4) tastes a beverage pursuant to item (3) only for instructional purposes during classes that are part of the curriculum of the accredited college or university.

The beverage must remain at all times in the possession and control of an authorized instructor of the college or university who must be twenty-one years of age or older. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to allow a student under the age of twenty-one to receive any beer, ale, porter, wine, or other similar malt or fermented beverage unless the beverage is delivered as part of the student's required curriculum and the beverage is used only for instructional purposes during classes conducted pursuant to the curriculum.

Section 61-4-100. (A) If a person is charged with a violation of the unlawful sale of ~~beer, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage~~ to minors pursuant to Section 61-4-50, the minor also must be charged with a violation of the unlawful purchase or possession of ~~beer, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage~~ pursuant to Section 63-19-2440. In addition, if the minor violated false information as to age pursuant to Section 61-4-60 or if an adult violated the unlawful purchase of ~~beer, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage~~ for a person who cannot lawfully buy pursuant to Section 61-4-80, these persons also must be charged with their violations.

(B) A person may not be charged with a violation of Section 61-4-50 if the provisions of subsection (A) are not met.

(C) Nothing in this section requires that charges made pursuant to this section be prosecuted to conclusion; but rather this determination must be made in the manner provided by law.

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(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (A) and (B), a person under the age of twenty-one may be recruited and authorized by a law enforcement agency to test an establishment's compliance with laws relating to the unlawful transfer or sale of ~~beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage to a minor. The testing must be under the direct supervision of a law enforcement agency, and the agency must have the person's parental consent. If the requirements of this subsection are met, a person may be charged with a violation of Section 61-4-50 without the requirement that the minor also be charged.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-150 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-150. If ~~beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage is sold to anyone by a person who does not have a valid license to make the sale, all ~~beer and~~ wine, and hemp-cannabinoid beverage found on the premises of the person is contraband and must be seized by a peace officer and treated as contraband liquor.

SECTION X. Sections 61-4-200 through 61-4-210 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 61-4-200. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a holder of a retail permit to sell ~~beer and~~ wine, and hemp-cannabinoid beverage may transfer beer and wine to other businesses. In order for this transfer to be lawful, all businesses involved in the transfer must hold a retail beer and wine and, if applicable, a retail hemp-cannabinoid product permit issued to the same individual, partnership, or corporation. In addition, a particular brand of beer may be transferred only between retail stores located within the territorial restrictions described in the distribution agreement between the brewery and the wholesaler on file with the department pursuant to Section 61-4-1300. Transfers of beer and wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage between retail beer and wine and, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage locations in a manner not authorized by this section, purchase of beer or wine and, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage by a retailer from another retailer for the purpose of resale, and sale of beer or wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage by a retailer to a retailer for the purpose of resale are unlawful. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars.

Section 61-4-210. (A) A person who purchases or acquires by lease, inheritance, divorce decree, eviction, or otherwise a retail business which sells beer or wine from a holder of a retail permit to sell beer or wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverage at the business, upon initiating the application process for a biennial retail beer or beer and wine permit or

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a retail hemp-cannabinoid product, may be issued a temporary retail beer or beer and wine or retail hemp-cannabinoid permit by the department at the time of the purchase or acquisition if the location for which the temporary permit is sought is not considered by the department to be a public nuisance and:

(1) the applicant currently holds a valid beer or beer and wine or retail hemp-cannabinoid product permit; or

(2) the applicant has had a criminal history background check conducted by the division within the past thirty days.

(B) A temporary beer or beer and wine or hemp-cannabinoid product permit issued pursuant to subsection (A) is valid until a biennial retail beer-~~or~~, beer and wine, or hemp-cannabinoid product permit is approved or disapproved by the department, but in no case is it valid for more than one hundred twenty days from the date of issuance.

(C) Notwithstanding subsection (B), the department may revoke a temporary retail beer-~~or~~, beer and wine, or hemp-cannabinoid product permit if the applicant fails to pursue the biennial retail beer-~~or~~, beer and wine, or hemp-cannabinoid product permit in a timely manner, as set forth by regulation of the department.

(D) The department shall collect a fee of twenty-five dollars for each temporary beer-~~or~~, beer and wine, or hemp-cannabinoid product permit. The funds generated by this fee must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-230 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-230. A person who, upon demand of an officer or agent of the division:

(1) refuses to allow full inspection of the premises or any part of the premises which is licensed to sell beer-~~or~~, wine; or hemp-cannabinoid beverage; or

(2) refuses to allow full inspection of the stocks and invoices of the licensee; or

(3) who prevents or in any way hinders an inspection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than sixty days, or both.

A person found guilty of a violation of Section 61-6-4190 and this section may not be sentenced under both sections for the same offense.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-300 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-300. "Producer" as used in this article means a brewery or winery or a manufacturer, bottler, or importer of beer or wine into the United States; and, as used in this chapter, includes a manufacturer.

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bottler, or importer of hemp-cannabinoid beverages into the United States.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-310 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-310. (A) A producer must apply to the department on forms the department prescribes for a certificate of registration, which must be approved and issued before the shipment of ~~beer~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage by the producer to a point within the State. A producer, at the same time application is made for a certificate of registration, must remit to the department a fee of two hundred dollars.

(B) The department, in its discretion upon consideration of the information contained in the application for a certificate of registration, must issue or reject the application.

(C) A certificate of registration is valid from the date of issue until the second August thirty-first after the issuance of the license. Beer and wine and hemp-cannabinoid beverage wholesalers must purchase beer, ale, or wine from manufacturers or importers who hold a certificate of registration issued by the department. Nothing in this section or Section 61-4-940 prohibits the transfer or purchase and sale, for resale to retailers only, between wholesalers authorized by the registered producer or an exclusive agent in the State to distribute the same brand or brands of wine, beer, ~~ale, or~~ hemp-cannabinoid beverages.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-340 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-340. No person other than a registered producer may ship, move, or cause to be shipped or moved, beer, ale, porter, malt beverage, ~~or wine,~~ or hemp-cannabinoid beverages from outside the State to a point in the State, and only in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. No brand may be registered by the producer unless the person registering the brand is either the American producer or the primary American source of supply in the United States of the brand as herein defined, and it is unlawful for a wholesaler in this State to order, purchase, or receive beer, ale, porter, malt beverage, ~~or wine,~~ or hemp-cannabinoid beverage from a producer who is not the primary American source of supply for the brand ordered, purchased, or received. The term primary American source of supply means the manufacturer, distiller, vintner, brewer, producer, winery, or owner of vinous or spirituous beverages at the time they become a marketable product, or bottler, or the exclusive agent of these persons, who, if the product cannot be secured directly from the manufacturer by an American distributor, is the source closest to the manufacturer in the channel of commerce from whom the product can be secured by an American distributor, or who, if the product can be secured directly from the manufacturer by an

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American distributor, is the manufacturer. The provisions of this section do not apply to a person who produces beer, ale, porter, malt beverage, or wine solely in this State and who subsequently ships or sells this beer, ale, porter, malt beverage, or wine solely in this State.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-350 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-350. ~~Beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverages shipped or moved into this State in violation of this chapter is contraband and may be seized and sold as provided in Section 61-6-4310.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-520 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-520. A retail permit authorizing the sale of beer or wine or hemp-cannabinoid beverages must not be issued unless:

(1) The applicant, a partner, or co-shareholder of the applicant, and each agent, employee, and servant of the applicant to be employed on the licensed premises are of good moral character.

(2) The applicant is a legal resident of the United States, has been a legal resident of this State for at least thirty days before the date of application, and has maintained his principal place of abode in the State for at least thirty days before the date of application.

(3) The applicant, within two years before the date of application, has not had revoked a ~~beer or~~ wine, or hemp-cannabinoid product permit issued to him.

(4) The applicant is twenty-one years of age or older.

(5) The location of the proposed place of business of the applicant is in the opinion of the department a proper one.

(6) The department may consider, among other factors, as indications of unsuitable location, the proximity to residences, schools, playgrounds, and churches. This item does not apply to locations licensed before April 21, 1986.

(7)(a) Notice of application has appeared at least once a week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper most likely to give notice to interested citizens of the county, city, or community in which the applicant proposes to engage in business. The department shall determine which newspapers meet the requirements of this section based on available circulation figures. However, if a newspaper is published in the county and historically has been the newspaper where the advertisements are published, the advertisements published in that newspaper meet the requirements of this section. The notice must:

(i) be in the legal notices section of the newspaper or an equivalent section if the newspaper has no legal notices section;

(ii) be in large type, covering a space of one column wide and at least two inches deep; and

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(iii) state the type license applied for and the exact location of the proposed business.

(b) An applicant for a beer or wine or a hemp-cannabinoid product permit and an alcoholic liquor license may use the same advertisement for both if the advertisement is approved by the department.

(8) Notice has been given by displaying a sign for fifteen days at the site of the proposed business. The sign must:

(a) state the type of permit sought;

(b) state where an interested person may protest the application;

(c) be in bold type;

(d) cover a space at least twelve inches high and eighteen inches wide;

(e) be posted and removed by an agent of the division.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-525 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-525. (A) A person residing in the county in which a retail beer and wine or a retail hemp-cannabinoid product permit is requested to be granted, or a person residing within five miles of the location for which a retail beer and wine or a retail hemp-cannabinoid product permit is requested, may protest the issuance or renewal of the permit if he files a written protest setting forth:

(1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;

(2) the name of the applicant for the permit and the address of the premises sought to be licensed, or the name and address of the permit holder if the application is for renewal;

(3) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; and

(4) whether or not he wishes to attend a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court.

(B) Upon receipt of a timely filed protest, the department shall determine the protestant's intent to attend a contested hearing before the Administrative Law Court. If the protestant intends to attend a contested hearing, the department may not issue the permanent permit but shall forward the file to the Administrative Law Court.

(C) If the protestant, during the investigation expresses no desire to attend a contested hearing and offer testimony, the protest is considered invalid, and the department shall continue to process the application and shall issue the permit if all other statutory requirements are met.

(D) A person who files a protest and fails to appear at a hearing after affirming a desire to attend the hearing may be assessed a fine or penalty to include court costs.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

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Section 61-4-530. In considering an application for a permit for the sale of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage at a location within five miles of a political subdivision of another state in which the sale of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage is prohibited, the department must, in addition to the factors required to be considered, consider the proximity of the location to the prohibited area, the likelihood that large crowds may gather from time to time with attendant breaches of the peace, the requirement of increased law enforcement officers, and any other factor which in its judgment should be considered before issuing the permit.

These special considerations, however, do not apply where the application is made with respect to a location within the corporate limits of a municipality.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-590 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-590. (A) The department has jurisdiction to revoke or suspend permits authorizing the sale of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage. The department may, on its own initiative or on complaint signed and sworn to by two or more freeholders resident for the preceding six months in the community in which the licensed premises are located or by a local peace officer, all of whom are charged with the duty of reporting immediately to the department a violation of the provisions of Section 61-4-580, revoke or suspend the permit pursuant to the South Carolina Revenue Procedures Act. The decision of the Administrative Law Court is not automatically superseded or stayed by the filing of a petition for judicial review.

(B) In addition to the notice requirements contained in the Administrative Procedures Act, the department may not suspend or revoke a licensee's permit authorizing the sale of beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage until the division has conducted and completed an investigation, and the department has made a departmental determination, as defined in Section 12-60-30, that the licensee's permit should be revoked or suspended.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-600 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-600. Upon the revocation, cancellation, or suspension of a license or permit to sell beer-~~or~~, wine, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage at wholesale or retail, the licensee must immediately surrender his license to the department. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than ten days nor more than thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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SECTION X. Section 61-4-1100 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-4-1100. (1) It is unlawful for a producer who holds a certificate of registration from the department (hereinafter “registered producer”) or an officer, agent, or representative of a registered producer:

(a) to coerce, attempt to coerce, or persuade a person holding a permit to sell beer, ale, porter, hemp-cannabinoid beverage, and other similar malt or fermented beverages at wholesale (hereinafter “beer wholesaler”) to enter into an agreement to take any action which would violate a provision of this article or any ruling or regulation in accordance therewith; or

(b) to unfairly, without due regard to the equities of the beer wholesaler or without just cause or provocation, cancel or terminate a written or oral agreement or contract, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship of the wholesaler existing on May 1, 1974, or thereafter entered into, to sell beer manufactured by the registered producer; this provision is a part of a contractual franchise relationship, written or oral, between a beer wholesaler and a registered producer doing business with the beer wholesaler, just as though the provision had been specifically agreed upon between the beer wholesaler and the registered producer. However, notice of intention to cancel the agreement or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship must be given in writing at least sixty days before the date of the proposed cancellation or termination. The notice must contain (i) assurance that the agreement or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship is being terminated in good faith and for material violation of one or more provisions which are relevant to the effective operation of the agreement, or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship, if any, and (ii) a list of the specific reasons for the termination or cancellation.

(2) It is unlawful for a beer wholesaler:

(a) to enter into an agreement or take any action which would violate or tend to violate a provision of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto;

(b) to unfairly, without due regard for the equities of a registered producer or without just cause or provocation, cancel or terminate a written or oral agreement or contract, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship of the registered producer existing on May 1, 1974, or thereafter entered into, to sell beer manufactured by the registered producer; this provision becomes a part of a contractual franchise relationship, written or oral, between a beer wholesaler and a registered

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producer doing business with the beer wholesaler, just as though this provision had been specifically agreed upon between the beer wholesaler and the registered producer. However, notice of intention to cancel the agreement or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship must be given in writing at least sixty days prior to the date of the proposed cancellation or termination. The notice must contain (i) assurance that the agreement or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship is being terminated in good faith and for material violation of one or more provisions which are relevant to the effective operation of the agreement or contract, written or oral, franchise, or contractual franchise relationship, if any, and (ii) a list of the specific reasons for the termination or cancellation;

(c) to refuse to sell to a licensed retailer whose place of business is within the geographical limits specified in a distributorship agreement between the beer wholesaler and the registered producer for the brands involved; or

(d) to store or warehouse beer or other malt beverages to be sold in the State in a warehouse located outside the State.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 15, by striking Section 61-6-20(1)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(1)(a) “Alcoholic liquors” or “alcoholic beverages” means any hemp-cannabinoid products that contains not less than five milligrams or more than ten milligrams of allowable THC concentration, spirituous malt, vinous, fermented, brewed (whether lager or rice beer), or other liquors or a compound or mixture of them, including, but not limited to, a powdered or crystalline alcohol, by whatever name called or known, which contains alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption, but does not include:

(i) wine when manufactured or made for home consumption and which is not sold by the maker of the wine or by another person; or

(ii) a beverage declared by statute to be nonalcoholic or nonintoxicating.

(b) “Alcoholic liquor by the drink” or “alcoholic beverage by the drink” means a drink poured from a container of alcoholic liquor, excluding hemp-cannabinoid beverage product, without regard to the size of the container for consumption on the premises of a business licensed pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-10(1)(a)(iii) and inserting:

(iii) one hemp gelatin chewable in a liquor store.

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Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-10(21) and inserting:

(21) “Wholesaler” means a person who purchases, acquires, or imports from outside this State or who purchases or acquires from a manufacturer or producer in the State hemp-cannabinoid ~~beverages~~ products for resale.

### Article 3

#### Enforcement

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-360(B) and inserting:

(B) A permit authorized by this section to sell hemp-cannabinoid beverages with an allowable THC concentration of five milligrams or less, may be issued only in those counties or municipalities where a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum vote in favor of the issuance of the permit for retail sales of hemp-cannabinoid beverages, on Sundays in retail stores. The county or municipal election commission, as the case may be, shall conduct a referendum upon petition of at least ten percent but not more than seven thousand five hundred qualified electors of the county or municipality, as the case may be. The petition form must be submitted to the election commission not less than one hundred twenty days before the date of the referendum. The names on the petition must be on the petition form provided to county election officials by the State Election Commission. The names on the petition must be certified by the election commission within sixty days after receiving the petition form. The referendum must be conducted at the next general election. The election commission shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper circulated in the county or municipality, as the case may be, at least seven days before the referendum. The state election laws shall apply to the referendum, mutatis mutandis. The election commission shall publish the results of the referendum and certify them to the South Carolina Department of Revenue

~~(B)~~(C) A person who violates a provision of ~~this section~~ subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(1) for a first offense, by a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for sixty days;

(2) for a second offense, by a fine of one thousand dollars or imprisonment for one year; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of two thousand dollars or imprisonment for two years.

### Article 5

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**Product Requirements**

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-700(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) A wholesaler or retailer of hemp-cannabinoid ~~beverages~~ products must be in possession of a valid applicable beer and wine or liquor license issued by the department.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, Section 61-14-710(B), by adding an item to read:

(B) (1) Manufacturers of hemp-cannabinoid beverages containing up to five milligrams of an allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 4, Title 61 in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to manufacturers of beer or wine.

(2) Manufacturers of hemp cannabinoid beverages containing more than five milligrams but not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration or ~~hemp-cannabinoid products~~ gelatin chewables containing not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 6, Title 61 in the same manner and to the same extent as those provisions apply to manufacturers of alcoholic liquor.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-710(C)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(C)(1) Wholesalers of hemp cannabinoid beverages containing up to five milligrams of allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 4, Title 61 in the same manner and to the same extent those provisions apply to wholesalers of beer and wine.

(2) Wholesalers of hemp-cannabinoid beverages containing more than five milligrams but not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration or ~~hemp-cannabinoid products~~ gelatin chewables containing not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 6, Title 61 in the same manner and to the same extent those provisions apply to wholesalers of alcoholic liquor.

~~(2)(3)~~ Wholesalers of hemp-cannabinoid products must also maintain a wholesaler license issued under Chapter 4 or Chapter 6, Title 61.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-710(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(D)(1) Retailers of hemp-cannabinoid beverages containing up to five milligrams of an allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 4, Title 61 in the same manner and to the extent those provisions apply to beer and wine.

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(2) Retailers of hemp-cannabinoid beverages more than five milligrams but not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration or hemp-cannabinoid products gelatin chewables containing not more than ten milligrams are subject to Chapter 6 of Title 61, in the same manner and to the same extent those provisions apply to alcoholic liquor.

~~(2)~~(3) Retailers of hemp-cannabinoid products must also maintain a retail license for beer and wine or alcoholic liquor to be eligible for a hemp-cannabinoid product retailer's license in addition to any additional requirements required by the department.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-730(C) and inserting:

(C) In addition to all other taxes levied, assessed, collected, and paid in with respect to hemp-cannabinoid beverages and hemp gelatin chewables, every licensed wholesaler shall be subject to the payment of a tax of one hundred two thousandths cent per ounce or fractional quantity thereof on each hemp-cannabinoid beverage sold and containing more than five milligrams but not more than ten milligrams and hemp gelatin chewables sold and containing ~~more than five milligrams~~ not more than ten milligrams of an allowable THC concentration.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 23, <<section\_placeholder>> , by adding an undesignated paragraph <<placeholder>> to read:

If the federal government exercises its right to regulate hemp-cannabinoid products through prohibition or regulation of the types of allowable products then a hemp-cannabinoid product for purpose of this act shall include the more restrictive list of products.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 24 and inserting:

SECTION 24. Pre-existing stock, purchased prior to the effective date of this act, may be sold through November 12, 2026, provided a certificate of analysis is available and sales are prohibited to anyone under the age of twenty-one. Current retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers of hemp-cannabinoid products must have applied to the department for the applicable hemp-cannabinoid license, and met all other licensing requirements of Chapter 4, Chapter 6, and Chapter 14 of Title 61 by November 12, 2026, to continue sales and production. If a retailer, wholesaler, or manufacturer of hemp-cannabinoid products cannot show proof of an active application with the department by November 12, 2026, they must cease all sales and production. All enforcement shall be stayed until after the final adjudication of an applicable application.

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

SECTION X. Section 61-4-735(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) A wholesaler may furnish at no charge to the holder of a retail permit draft ~~wine~~ equipment replacement parts of nominal value, including washers, gaskets, hoses, hose connectors, clamps, and tap markers, product displays as provided under 27 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 6.83, and point of sale advertising specialties. A wholesaler also may furnish the following services to a retailer: cleaning ~~wine~~ lines, rotating stock, affixing price tags to ~~wine~~ products, building ~~wine~~ displays, setting boxes, conduct not more than two wine tastings in accordance with department rulings or regulations, developing shelf schematics, stocking shelves, providing ~~wine~~ party wagon for temporary use, and assist in wine resets a maximum of three times a year for any store having a retail permit during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Resets are defined as being a change in the location of the wine department within a store or a rearrangement of the products on shelves within the store's wine department, which involves more than one wholesaler's products. All wholesalers must be notified in writing of any resets being requested by a retail store at least fourteen days prior to the reset.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-940(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) A wholesaler may furnish at no charge to the holder of a retail permit draft ~~beer~~ equipment replacement parts of nominal value, including washers, gaskets, hoses, hose connectors, clamps, and tap markers, party wagons for temporary use, and point of sale advertising specialties. A wholesaler may furnish at no charge to the holder of a retail permit product displays pursuant to the provisions of 27 C.F.R., Section 6.83, excluding electronic refrigeration equipment. A wholesaler also may furnish the following services to a retailer: cleaning draught lines, setting boxes, rotating stock, affixing price tags to ~~beer~~ products, and building ~~beer~~ displays.

SECTION X. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 61-14-15. (A) It is unlawful for a licensee of a retail establishment or a liquor store to fail to maintain any hemp-cannabinoid product behind the counter of a retail establishment or a liquor store in an area inaccessible to the customer.

(B) A person who violates this section:

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(1) for a first offense within a three-year period, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than two years, or fined not more than five thousand dollars, or both;

(2) for a second offense within a three-year period, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than five years or fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense within a three-year period, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than five years or fined not more than ten thousand dollars, or both, and the licensee is subjected to revocation by the department of all licenses under Title 61.

(C)(1) It is unlawful for a person under the age of twenty-one to purchase, attempt to purchase, consume, or knowingly possess hemp-cannabinoid products. Possession is prima facie evidence that it was knowingly possessed. It is also unlawful for a person to falsely represent his age for the purpose of procuring hemp-cannabinoid products.

(2) A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or must be imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 29, by striking Section and inserting:

SECTION 29. 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. Additionally, if the prohibition and enforcement of hemp-cannabinoid product distribution and sales to individuals under the age of twenty-one is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the General Assembly hereby declares that it would have passed this act with a prohibition and enforcement of hemp-cannabinoid product distribution and sales to individuals under the age of eighteen.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 30, by striking Section and inserting:

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SECTION 30. The prohibition and enforcement of hemp-cannabinoid product distribution and sales to individuals under the age of twenty-one are effective upon the signature of the Governor, unless there is a challenge to the constitutionality of the prohibition and enforcement of hemp-cannabinoid product distribution and sales to individuals under the age of twenty-one, then this act shall have the effect of prohibiting and enforcing hemp-cannabinoid products distribution and sales to individuals under the age of eighteen, and the remaining provisions of this act take effective sixty days after approval by the Governor.

Re-number sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 36; Nays 3**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Chaplin	Climer	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Elliott
Graham	Grooms	Hembree
Hutto	Johnson	Kimbrell
Leber	Massey	Matthews
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Sutton	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Walker
Williams	Young	Zell

**Total--36**

**NAYS**

Bright	Cash	Garrett
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**Total--3**

The amendment was adopted.

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Senators SUTTON, RANKIN and GRAHAM proposed the following amendment (SMIN-3924.MW0005S), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 15, by striking Section 61-6-20(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) “Alcoholic liquor by the drink” or “alcoholic beverage by the drink” means a drink poured from a container of alcoholic liquor, ~~excluding hemp-cannabinoid beverage~~, without regard to the size of the container for consumption on the premises of a business licensed pursuant to Article 5 of this chapter.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, by striking Section 61-14-700(B)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) hemp-cannabinoid product wholesaler’s license, which authorizes the licensee to purchase, store, keep, possess, import into this State, transport, sell, and deliver hemp-cannabinoid beverages in bottles or cans and hemp gelatin chewables in accordance with regulations to a person having a manufacturer’s or retail license issued pursuant to this article; ~~and~~

(3) hemp-cannabinoid product retail license, which authorizes the licensees to purchase hemp-cannabinoid beverages and hemp gelatin chewables from wholesalers having licenses issued pursuant to this article, and to store, keep, possess, and sell hemp-cannabinoid beverages at retail, and which excludes sales of hemp-cannabinoid beverages for on-premise consumption; ~~and-~~

(4) hemp-cannabinoid product food service establishment’s license, which authorizes the licensee to sell hemp-cannabinoid beverages for on-premise consumption, provided the licensee meets the requirements as established in Chapter 6, Title 61.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, Section 61-14-710, by adding a subsection to read:

(E)(1) Food establishments that serve hemp-cannabinoid beverages with an allowable THC concentration are subject to Chapter 6, Title 61, in the same manner and to the same extent those provisions apply to serving alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premise consumption under section 61-6-1610.

(2) A good establishment that serves hemp-cannabinoid beverages and does not serve alcoholic liquor by the drink is not required to maintain a separate license for alcoholic liquor by the drink.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 22, Section 61-14-720(A), by adding an item to read:

(4) food establishment’s license: one thousand five hundred dollars.

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

SECTION X. Section 61-3-100 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-3-100. Section effective January 1, 2026.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, hemp-cannabinoid beverages, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells alcohol, including hemp-cannabinoid beverages, for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DBHDD" means the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of Substance Abuse.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed for at least ten hours a week by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors, including hemp-cannabinoid beverages, or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual permittee, an individual licensee, and any person employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

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(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DBHDD and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

SECTION X. Section 61-4-90(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

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

SECTION X. Section 61-6-1610 through 61-6-1637 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-1610. (A) Except on Sunday, it is lawful to sell and consume alcoholic liquors sold by the drink or hemp-cannabinoid beverages in a business establishment between the hours of ten o'clock in the morning and two o'clock the following morning if the establishment meets the following requirements:

(1) the business is bona fide engaged primarily and substantially in the preparation and serving of meals or furnishing of lodging; and

(2) the business has ~~any required~~ hemp-cannabinoid licenses from the department authorizing the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink, or a food establishment hemp-cannabinoid license, which is displayed conspicuously on the main entrance to the premises and clearly visible from the outside.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of this article, the licensed premises of a business establishment which is bona fide engaged primarily and substantially in the preparation and service of meals and which holds ~~any valid~~ required license for the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink or hemp-cannabinoid beverages do not extend to any portion of the business establishment or the property upon which it is located which is designed as or used for a parking area even though food may be served in the area.

(C) An establishment licensed pursuant to the provisions of this article may use alcoholic liquors in the preparation of food without obtaining the license provided for in Section 61-6-700.

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(D)(1) Any licensee, employee, or agent of an establishment licensed as a food service establishment or place of lodging is prohibited from selling, making available for sale, or permitting the consumption of alcoholic liquors or hemp-cannabinoid beverages or hemp-cannabinoid beverages on the licensed premises between the hours of two o'clock in the morning and ten o'clock in the morning. However, any licensee, employee, or agent of an establishment licensed as a food service establishment or place of lodging is prohibited from selling, making available for sale, or permitting the consumption of alcoholic liquors or hemp-cannabinoid beverages on Sunday unless the establishment has been issued for that Sunday a temporary permit pursuant to the provisions of Section 61-6-2010. A violation of this subsection is a violation against the establishment's license.

(2)(a) Any licensee, employee, or agent of an establishment licensed as a food service establishment or place of lodging is prohibited from offering for sale the combination of alcoholic liquors and hemp-cannabinoid beverages, or permitting the simultaneous consumption of alcoholic liquors and hemp-cannabinoid beverages to any person.

(b) Any licensee, employee, or agent of an establishment licensed as a food service establishment or place of lodging is prohibited from selling, making available for sale, or permitting the consumption of more than two hemp-cannabinoid beverages per twenty-four hours.

(E)(1) It is unlawful for a person licensed to sell alcoholic liquor by the drink pursuant to the provisions of this section to knowingly and wilfully refill, partially refill, or reuse a bottle of lawfully purchased alcoholic liquor, or hemp-cannabinoid beverage, or otherwise tamper with the contents of the bottle.

(2) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction:

(a) for a first offense, must be fined five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both;

(b) for a second or subsequent offense, must be fined one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(F) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (E), a violation of this section may subject the licensee or permit holder to revocation or suspension of the license or permit by the department.

(G) The possession of a refilled or reused bottle or other container of alcoholic liquors or hemp-cannabinoid beverage, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. A person who violates this provision must, upon conviction, have his license revoked permanently.

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(H) An establishment licensed pursuant to the provisions of Section 61-6-20(2) as a business that is bona fide engaged primarily and substantially in the preparation and serving of meals is authorized to continue to operate as the licensed establishment so long as the licensed establishment maintains a Grade A retail food establishment permit from the Department of Health and Environmental Control. Upon notice by the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control~~ Agriculture to the licensed establishment and to the Department of Revenue that the retail food establishment permit has been reduced to a grade below Grade A, the licensed establishment has thirty days within which to request a subsequent inspection by the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control~~ Agriculture. If a subsequent inspection is not requested within thirty days after the reduction in a grade below Grade A, or the subsequent inspection results in a grade below Grade A, then the Department of Revenue shall suspend the license of the licensed establishment until the Department of ~~Health and Environmental Control~~ Agriculture issues a Grade A retail food establishment permit.

(I) For purposes of this section:

(1) “Kitchen” means a separate and distinct area of the business establishment that is used solely for the preparation, serving, and disposal of solid foods that make up meals. The area must be adequately equipped for the cooking, serving, and storage of solid foods and must include at least twenty-one cubic feet of refrigerated space for food and a stove.

(2) “Meal” means an assortment of various prepared foods available to guests on the licensed premises during the normal mealtimes that occur when the licensed business establishment is open to the public. Sandwiches, boiled eggs, sausages, and other snacks prepared off the licensed premises but sold there are not a meal.

(3) “Primarily” means that the serving of the meals by a business establishment is a regular source of business to the licensed establishment, that meals are served upon the demand of guests and patrons during the normal mealtimes that occur when the licensed business establishment is open to the public, and that an adequate supply of food is present on the licensed premises to meet the demand.

Section 61-6-1620 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-1620.(A) This article authorizes the possession or consumption of alcoholic liquors or hemp-cannabinoid beverage on premises open to the general public for which a license has been obtained pursuant to Sections 61-6-1600 or 61-6-1610.

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(B) Alcoholic liquors or hemp-cannabinoid beverage may be possessed or consumed in separate and private areas of an establishment whether or not the establishment includes premises which are licensed pursuant to Sections 61-6-1600 or 61-6-1610, where specific individuals have leased these areas for a function not open to the general public.

Section 61-6-1630 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-1630. A person licensed to sell alcoholic liquor by the drink and, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage for on-premises consumption must not be licensed as a retail dealer on the same premises.

Section 61-6-1637 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-1637. A person licensed pursuant to this article, including his agent, may not substitute another brand of alcoholic liquor or, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage in place of the brand specified by a customer unless the licensee or his agent has: (1) advised the customer that the desired brand is not available, and (2) received the customer's approval of substitution. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than ten days, or both.

Section 61-6-1636 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-1636. (A) A person licensed by this article for sale and use for on-premises consumption shall purchase alcoholic liquor for sale by the drink or, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage from a licensed retail dealer with a wholesaler's basic permit issued pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act or from a licensed wholesaler, as provided in subsection (C), in any size bottle, except 1.75 liter sized bottles.

(B) A licensed retail dealer with a wholesaler's basic permit issued pursuant to the Federal Alcohol Administration Act may deliver, in sealed containers, alcoholic liquor in any size bottle, except 1.75 liter sized bottles, to a person licensed by this article to sell alcoholic liquors and, if applicable, hemp-cannabinoid beverage for on-premises consumption.

(C)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, "new alcoholic liquor" means alcoholic liquor not previously sold in this State.

(2) A licensed wholesaler may deliver new alcoholic liquor to a person licensed by this article to sell alcoholic liquors for on-premises consumption:

(a) in sealed containers and in any sized bottle, except 1.75 liter sized bottles, and

(b) only during the first one hundred eighty days from the date of the first bill of lading in this State for that new alcoholic liquor.

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(3) Within ten days of receipt of the first bill of lading, the licensed wholesaler must provide a copy of the bill of lading to the department in the manner prescribed by the department.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Senator SUTTON explained the amendment.

The question being the adoption of the amendment.

Senator JOHNSON moved to lay the amendment on the table.

The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 23; Nays 16**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Blackmon	Bright	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Cromer	Garrett	Grooms
Hembree	Johnson	Kimbrell
Massey	Peeler	Reichenbach
Rice	Stubbs	Verdin
Williams	Young	

**Total--23**

**NAYS**

Allen	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Graham	Hutto
Leber	Matthews	Ott
Rankin	Sabb	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Walker
Zell		

**Total--16**

The amendment was laid on the table.

The question then being second reading of the Bill.

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The "ayes" and "nays" were demanded and taken, resulting as follows:

**Ayes 35; Nays 4**

**AYES**

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Climer
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Graham	Grooms
Hembree	Hutto	Johnson
Kimbrell	Leber	Massey
Ott	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Stubbs	Tedder	Turner
Verdin	Walker	Williams
Young	Zell	

**Total--35**

**NAYS**

Bright	Garrett	Matthews
Sutton		

**Total--4**

There being no further amendments, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time, passed and ordered to a third reading.

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

**Confirmation**

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Reappointment, York County Natural Gas Authority, with the term to commence March 31, 2026, and to expire March 31, 2029

Clover:

Brian M. Hall III, 219 Neely Road, Clover, SC 29710

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:05 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M. under the provisions of Rule 1 for the purpose of taking up local matters and uncontested matters which have previously received unanimous consent to be taken up.

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