

**ACEC-SC in the Second General Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> SC General Assembly**  
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**SB2**

**DHEC REORGANIZATION** (PEELER, JR. H) A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE "DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH" AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO DELEGATE TO THE DIVISION THE PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, AND TO TRANSFER ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 44, RELATING, IN PART, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION; TO AMEND CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO CREATE THE DIVISION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH, TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REFLECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE DIVISION, AND TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25 SO AS TO TRANSFER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE VETERANS HOMES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-11-10, 44-11-60, 44-11-70, 44-13-20, 44-13-30, 44-13-40, 44-13-60, 44-15-10, 44-15-20, 44-15-30, 44-15-60, 44-15-70, 44-15-80, 44-15-90, 44-17-450, 44-17-460, 44-17-580, 44-17-860, 44-17-865, 44-17-870, 44-22-10, 44-22-110, 44-24-10, 44-25-30, 44-27-10, 44-27-30, 44-28-20, 44-28-40, 44-28-60, 44-28-80, 44-28-360, AND 44-28-370, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO CREATE A DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TRANSFER TO THE DIVISION THE DIVISIONS, OFFICES, AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL THAT PERFORM ENVIRONMENTAL FUNCTIONS, WITH EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 46-3-10, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SO AS TO ADD THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-2-20, 48-2-70, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-14-20, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-43-10, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 49-5-30, AND 49-5-60, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUNDS, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION, EROSION AND SEDIMENT REDUCTION, MINING, OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION AND PRODUCTION, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INNOVATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RECOVERY, AND GROUNDWATER, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-280, 48-3-10, AND 48-3-140, RELATING TO THE POLLUTION CONTROL ACT OR POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITIES, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, RELATING TO THE

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO TRANSFER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL'S COASTAL DIVISION AND OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 48-39-10, 48-39-35, 48-39-50, 48-39-270, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-30, 49-4-20, 49-4-80, 49-4-170, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, RELATING TO COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, THE BEACH RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT TRUST ACT, NAVIGABLE WATERS, WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL REGULATION AND REPORTING, THE AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, DAM AND RESERVOIR SAFETY, ALL SO AS TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-20, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-75, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-30-45 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SECTION 1-30-70 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND SECTIONS 44-11-30 AND 44-11-40 RELATING TO VETERANS HOMES.

**Current Status:** 5/5/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee (Medical Professions) Sen. Davis, Chair, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Gressette Building - 209

**Recent Status:** 4/29/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette Building - 308  
4/28/2021 - Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee (Medical Professions) Sen. Davis, Chair, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);  
**Time & Location:** 9:30 AM, Gressette Building - 209

**State Bill Page:** [SB2](#)

**SB34**      **INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION** (GROOMS L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSURE OF VEHICLES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE IS REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND IS OPERATED UNDER A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) NUMBER ASSIGNED TO A PERSON OTHER THAN THE VEHICLE'S OWNER, THEN THE PERSON TO WHOM THE USDOT NUMBER IS ASSIGNED MAY REGISTER THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE BY SUBMITTING THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION AND FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB34](#)

**SB40**      **PARKING** (GROOMS L) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-840, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ALTERATIONS BY MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE USE OR RESTRICTIONS MADE BY MUNICIPALITIES ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES OR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, PARKING OR OTHER PURPOSES ARE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BY ENCROACHMENT PERMIT; BY ADDING SECTION

57-5-845 SO AS TO PROVIDE FREE AND PAID PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON STATE HIGHWAY FACILITIES LOCATED IN BEACH COMMUNITIES ELIGIBLE FOR BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FUNDS GENERATED FROM MUNICIPAL PUBLIC BEACH PARKING CHARGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 57-7-210, RELATING TO OBSTRUCTIONS IN HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "HIGHWAY" AND REVISE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 6/1/2021 - Act No 89

**Recent Status:** 5/24/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

5/13/2021 - Read third time and enrolled

**State Bill Page:** [SB40](#)

**SB100 UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT** (CROMER R) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE "UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY" AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "DOD SITING CLEARINGHOUSE", "NOTICE OF PRESUMED RISK", "ADVERSE IMPACT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS AND READINESS", "MAJOR MILITARY BASE", AND "WIND ENERGY FACILITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-120, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR A CERTIFICATE TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING WIND ENERGY FACILITIES MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE APPLICATION; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-140, RELATING TO THE PARTIES TO CERTIFICATION PROCEEDINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARTIES ALSO SHALL INCLUDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION AND THE DOD SITING CLEARINGHOUSE FOR PROCEEDINGS RELATED TO WIND ENERGY FACILITIES.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB100](#)

**SB145 TORTFEASORS ACT** (MASSEY A) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20(A), 15-38-40(B), AND 15-38-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB145](#)

**SJR147 SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT** (MASSEY A) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY IMMUNITY ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR CERTAIN COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS-RELATED CLAIMS; TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; AND TO PROVIDE A TIMEFRAME THAT THIS LIABILITY PROTECTION IS IN EFFECT. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 7/2/2021 - Act No 99

**Recent Status:** 4/28/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**  
4/28/2021 - Ratified R 39

**State Bill Page:** [SJR147](#)

**SB162**      **SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT** (SCOTT, JR. J) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-96-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT POST-USE POLYMERS AND RECOVERABLE FEEDSTOCKS USED IN PYROLYSIS AND GASIFICATION PROCESSES ARE "RECOVERED MATERIALS" AND ARE NOT "SOLID WASTE" FOR THE PURPOSES OF REGULATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Medical Affairs

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB162](#)

**SB178**      **NAMING OF BUILDING, HIGHWAY FACILITY, OR CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND** (HEMBREE G) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-610, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NAMING A HIGHWAY FACILITY IN HONOR OF AN INDIVIDUAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT NAME A BUILDING, HIGHWAY FACILITY, OR CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND AFTER CERTAIN ELECTED STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HONORS AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION, IT SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE YEARS UNLESS THE PERIOD IS EXTENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB178](#)

**SB220**      **SOUTH CAROLINA THIRTY-BY-THIRTY CONSERVATION ACT** (MCELVEEN, III J) A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA THIRTY-BY-THIRTY CONSERVATION ACT"; TO AMEND TITLE 48 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION, BY ADDING CHAPTER 61, TO ESTABLISH THE GOAL OF PROTECTING THIRTY PERCENT OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY NOT LATER THAN 2030, TO ESTABLISH THE THIRTY-BY-THIRTY INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANS BY STATE AGENCIES TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB220](#)

**SB240**      **SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PIPELINE COMPANIES** (YOUNG, JR. T) A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING GAS, WATER, OR PIPELINE COMPANIES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS RELATING TO PETROLEUM PIPELINES, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATIONS, PERMITTING, AND HEARINGS, TO SET REQUIREMENTS FOR RENDERING FINAL ORDERS, TO PROVIDE FOR REHEARINGS, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, TO ALLOW THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REQUIRE RECORDS PRODUCTION, TO PROVIDE FOR DISCOVERY, AND TO EMPLOY EXPERT WITNESSES, TO

PROVIDE THAT A PETROLEUM PIPELINE COMPANY MAY REQUEST REASONABLE ACCESS TO PROPERTY ON A PROPOSED SITE FOR SURVEY PURPOSES, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A SPILL OR AN ACCIDENTAL RELEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR EMINENT DOMAIN AND HEARINGS BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB240](#)

**SB248 SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT** (YOUNG, JR. T) A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3890 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY MOTORISTS OF THE HANDS-FREE REQUIREMENTS AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS

**Recent Status:** 1/25/2022 - Committee report Favorable with amendment  
Transportation

1/19/2022 - Senate Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Gressette 209

**State Bill Page:** [SB248](#)

**SB271 ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT** (TALLEY S) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-65-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF THE TEXTILE COMMUNITIES REVITALIZATION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "CONTIGUOUS PARCEL"; AND TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 67, TITLE 12 OF THE 1976 CODE, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 4/28/2021 - Act No. 21

**Recent Status:** 4/28/2021 - Effective date 04/26/21  
4/22/2021 - Ratified R 30

**State Bill Page:** [SB271](#)

**SB294 RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND COOPERATIVES** (CLIMER W) A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-1060, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PERSON OR CORPORATION USING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION TO RESELL ELECTRICITY IS NOT AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE IN CUSTOMER DEMAND OR ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE REVENUES FOR AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [SB294](#)

**SB304**      **ELECTRIC UTILITY AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION** (CLIMER W) AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-1060 SO AS TO PROVIDE WHEN A PERSON OR CORPORATION USING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION IS NOT AN ELECTRIC UTILITY AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE IN CUSTOMER DEMAND OR ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE REVENUES FOR AN ELECTRICAL UTILITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-260 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S COMPOSITION, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO OPEN A DOCKET FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING THE REGULATORY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-270 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO COMPLETE A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND TO IDENTIFY CHALLENGES. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Returned to House with amendments  
5/12/2021 - Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (Concur in Senate Amendment)

**State Bill Page:** [SB304](#)

**SB316**      **DEFINITION OF PUBLIC UTILITY** (FANNING M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES WITHIN THE TERM "PUBLIC UTILITY"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-390, RELATING TO TAP FEES FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION FOR A PUBLIC UTILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY OR ON BEHALF OF ANY MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-5-30, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OWNED OR OPERATED BY MUNICIPALITIES OR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
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**State Bill Page:** [SB316](#)

**SB332**      **ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES** (FANNING M) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY

TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE

FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
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**State Bill Page:** [SB332](#)

**SJR406**     **RULES (MASSEY A)** A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SENATE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

**Recent Status:**

**State Bill Page:** [SJR406](#)

**SR406**     **RULES (MASSEY A)** A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SENATE AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and adopted

**Recent Status:**

**State Bill Page:** [SR406](#)

**SB422**     **INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS (ALEXANDER T)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 32-2-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSES IN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS IN CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENTS AND DESIGN PROFESSIONAL AGREEMENTS ARE AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY AND UNENFORCEABLE IN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SB422](#)

**SB434**     **OPERATING A VEHICLE IN THE LEFT LANE (PEELER, JR. H)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1885 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN IT IS LAWFUL TO DRIVE A VEHICLE IN THE LEFT LANE OF AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, AND TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A TRAFFIC TICKET MAY BE ISSUED FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

**Current Status:** 3/17/2021 - Senate Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Gressette - 105

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SB434](#)

**SB437**     **MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM TOLLS (SCOTT, JR. J)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "MASS TRANSIT SYSTEM".

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time



**SB442**

**DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, LICENSING, TAX COLLECTION, AND FEES** (GROOMS L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376(A)(1) OF

THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON A MONTHLY BASIS, TO PROVIDE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR VEHICLES FOR WHICH THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE IS ONE-HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS OR MORE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660(E) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, TO ALLOW INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS TO BE MADE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO VEHICLES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY REGISTER, TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO REGISTER CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-195(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COUNTIES PROCESSING VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE MUST ESTABLISH AN ACCOUNT AND REMIT PAYMENT OF FEES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2650 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS AND TO THE DELEGATION OF TAX COLLECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNTY SHALL PREPARE A TAX NOTICE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES THAT ARE OWNED BY THE SAME PERSON AND LICENSED AT THE SAME TIME FOR EACH TAX YEAR WITHIN A TWO-YEAR LICENSING PERIOD; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2840 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ROAD USE FEES DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT A MOTOR CARRIER REGISTERING A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS MUST PAY THE ROAD USE FEE DUE ON THE VEHICLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST MAKE INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS AVAILABLE TO A CUSTOMER UPON THE CUSTOMER'S REQUEST; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2850 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF ROAD USE FEES, TO DELETE AN OBSOLETE PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2860(F) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND ONE-TIME FEES, TO PROVIDE THAT FEES MAY BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2880 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO A ROAD USE FEE AND TO CERTAIN VEHICLES AND BUSES EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES, TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

**Current Status:** 3/31/2021 - Senate Transportation Subcommittee-Transportation, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Gressette Building - 308

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SB442](#)

**SB443**

**ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS** (LEATHERMAN, SR. H) A BILL TO

AMEND SECTION 11-41-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS AND UNDERTAKINGS THAT SUPPORT OR PROMOTE A FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "INFRASTRUCTURE"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-41-50 AND 11-41-60,

RELATING TO SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-70, RELATING TO BOND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR SUCH GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-80, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION EFFECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-90, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2021 - Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette - 105

**Recent Status:** 1/21/2021 - Senate Natural Resources & Economic Development Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Virtual meeting  
1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance

**State Bill Page:** [SB443](#)

**SB447** **LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE** (MALLOY G) A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL BE ALLOWED AND PAID ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FROM LEE COUNTY "C" FUND REVENUES FOR EACH MEETING AT WHICH HE IS IN ATTENDANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE PAYMENTS UPON THE ISSUANCE OF APPROVED VOUCHERS BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, EXCEPT THAT THE CHAIRMAN MAY NOT APPROVE VOUCHERS FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN MEETINGS PER FISCAL YEAR FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE LEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

**Current Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Lee Delegation

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
3/16/2021 - Read third time and sent to House

**State Bill Page:** [SB447](#)

**SB460** **STATE FIRE MARSHAL** (ALEXANDER T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-10 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION AND THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, TO DELETE CERTAIN OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE THE DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY'S PROGRAM AREAS; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO REVISE HIS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-25(F)(2) AND (5) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE VOLUNTEER STRATEGIC ASSISTANCE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM, TO REVISE GRANT APPLICATION AND FUNDING PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO RESIDENT FIRE MARSHALS, TO REVISE THEIR DUTIES AND WHO MAY EXERCISE THESE DUTIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS REGARDING A FIRE MARSHAL'S TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-45 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS D FIRE EQUIPMENT DEALER LICENSE OR A FIRE EQUIPMENT PERMIT, TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF LICENSES AND QUALIFICATIONS TO OBTAIN THESE LICENSES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-9-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S AUTHORITY TO INSPECT CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR PREMISES, TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HE MAY ENTER A BUILDING OR PREMISES; TO AMEND

ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 9, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, BY ADDING SECTION 23-9-125, TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE BOARD OF PYROTECHNIC SAFETY OR THE REGULATION OF FIREWORKS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, TITLE 23 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FIRE ACADEMY, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 23-49-120(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE OF DONATIONS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY, MAY ALSO ACCEPT DONATIONS OF FIRE EQUIPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 40-80-30(D) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A FIREFIGHTER REGISTERING WITH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, TO REVISE THE COST AND PROCESS OF OBTAINING CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL FIGHTER RECORDS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 23-9-35, 23-9-40, 23-9-60, 23-9-110, AND 23-9-130 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL.

**Current Status:** 10/13/2021 - Senate Committee recommends passage Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI

**Recent Status:** 10/13/2021 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing);

**Time & Location:** 1:00 PM, Gressettee - 308

1/13/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry ([Senate Journal-page 4](#))

**State Bill Page:** [SB460](#)

**SB464**

**SANTEE COOPER REFORM** (RANKIN L) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-20 OF THE 1976 SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO PROVIDE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY SHALL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR MORE THAN TWO UNEXPIRED CONSECUTIVE TERMS AND FOR EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A BOARD MEMBER; TO ADD SECTION 58-31-225 TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF HAS AUTHORITY TO MAKE INSPECTIONS, AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR ELECTRIC AND WATER RATES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-380 TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND A PUBLIC HEARING IN SETTING ELECTRIC RATES, AND FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED RATES AND COMMENT BEFORE THE RATES GO INTO EFFECT; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20 TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR UTILITY FACILITY SITING; TO AMEND SECTION 58-37-40 TO DELETE SUBSECTION (A)(3); AND TO ADD SECTION 58-37-45 TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT AN INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR PLAN REQUIREMENTS.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS Contested by Senator Rankin

**Recent Status:** 1/20/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS (Contested by Senator Rankin)

1/11/2022 - STATEWIDE THIRD READING BILLS (Contested by Senator Rankin)

**State Bill Page:** [SB464](#)

**SJR491**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS** (LEATHERMAN, SR. H) A JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$550,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION STATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 41, TITLE 11 FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING

THE COST OF INTERMODAL CONTAINER TRANSFER INFRASTRUCTURE, WATERBORNE CARGO INFRASTRUCTURE, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT THEREOF, AT OR IN THE VICINITY OF THE PORT OF CHARLESTON; TO ALLOCATE SUFFICIENT TAX REVENUES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS; TO PRESCRIBE REQUIREMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION, REVIEW, AND APPROVAL OF BOND ISSUANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION ON DEBT SERVICE; AND TO MAKE OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BONDS.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

**Recent Status:** 2/25/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
2/25/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SJR491](#)

**SJR560 HEIRS PROPERTY STUDY COMMITTEE** (SCOTT, JR. J) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEIRS' PROPERTY STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE METHODS TO ADDRESS HEIR'S PROPERTY ISSUES IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE, TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO DISSOLVE THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

**Current Status:** 4/28/2021 - Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette Building - 207

**Recent Status:** 2/17/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary  
2/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [SJR560](#)

**SB587 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS** (TURNER R) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-75, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BONDS FOR CONVENTIONS AND TRADE SHOWS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF BOND PROCEEDS, PLUS INTEREST, UPON THE SALE OF A MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE ARE NOT APPLICABLE IF THE SALE PROCEEDS ARE USED IN THEIR ENTIRETY FOR A NEW MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET, OR TO REIMBURSE A STATE AGENCY, INSTRUMENTALITY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FOR THE ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE OF NOT LESS THAN FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET IF CONSTRUCTION OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE SALE OF THE ORIGINAL MEETING AND EXHIBIT SPACE, AND TO PROVIDE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE EXEMPTION APPLIES. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Read third time and enrolled  
5/12/2021 - THIRD READING STATEWIDE CONTESTED BILLS

**State Bill Page:** [SB587](#)

**SB627 PASS THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME** (BENNETT S) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-545, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME, SO AS TO CREATE AN ELECTION TO TAX CERTAIN PARTNERSHIPS AND "S" CORPORATIONS AT THE ENTITY LEVEL. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Concurred in House amendment and enrolled  
5/12/2021 - Scrivener's error corrected

**State Bill Page:** [SB627](#)

**SR664 ENGINEERS DAY (ALEXANDER T)** A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Current Status:** 3/11/2021 - Introduced and adopted

**Recent Status:**

**State Bill Page:** [SR664](#)

**SB934 SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL (DAVIS T)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-63, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT THE MEMBER WHO IS AN ARCHITECT LICENSED IN SOUTH CAROLINA MUST BE SELECTED FROM A LIST OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS.

**Current Status:** 1/27/2022 - Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette 308

**Recent Status:** 1/26/2022 - Senate Regulatory & Local Government Subcommittee-LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette 408

1/20/2022 - Senate Regulatory & Local Government Subcommittee-LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:00 AM, Gressette 408

**State Bill Page:** [SB934](#)

**HB3011 SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE RIGHT (WEST, IV J)** AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1885 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN A VEHICLE MAY NOT BE DRIVEN IN THE FARTHEST LEFT-HAND LANE OF A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PLACE SIGNS ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS DIRECTING SLOWER TRAFFIC TO MOVE TO THE RIGHT, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFENDER'S MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD, INCLUDED IN SLED'S CRIMINAL RECORDS, OR REPORTED TO THE OFFENDER'S MOTOR VEHICLE INSURER, TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION IS NOT NEGLIGENCE PER SE OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE, AND IS NOT ADMISSIBLE AS EVIDENCE IN A CIVIL ACTION, TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST NOT SEARCH AND MAY NOT REQUEST CONSENT TO SEARCH A VEHICLE, DRIVER, OR OCCUPANT OF A VEHICLE SOLELY BECAUSE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPEAL OF A VIOLATION. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 5/12/2021 - Ordered enrolled for ratification  
5/12/2021 - Free conference committee appointed Morgan, West, Henderson-Myers

**State Bill Page:** [HB3011](#)

**HB3051 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION (PENDARVIS M)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-780, CODE OF

LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER TO CONSTRUCT HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES, PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS, SIDEWALKS, BICYCLE LANES OR PATHS BEFORE BUILDING NEW OR EXPANDING EXISTING PRIMARY HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO ALL HIGHWAYS, ROADS, AND STREETS, TO PROVIDE THE FEASIBILITY DETERMINATION MUST BE BASED ON CERTAIN QUANTIFIABLE PERFORMANCE MEASURES THAT INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEDICATED BUS LANES, TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE, AND TO PROVIDE THE WRITTEN DETERMINATION MUST BE MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION DURING THE PRECONSTRUCTION PROCESS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public Works

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HB3051](#)

**HB3055 NATURAL RESOURCES** (HIXON B) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE NAMES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-30, RELATING TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER FROM THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 48-4-70, RELATING TO THE GENERAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-1-220, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 50-1-180 TO 50-1-230 TO CERTAIN LANDS, SO AS TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO A REPEALED STATUTE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-90, RELATING TO GAME AND FISH CULTURE OPERATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS BEFORE AN INVESTIGATION MAY BE CONDUCTED; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-110, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME AND DELETE A REFERENCE TO A DISCONTINUED PRACTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-130, RELATING TO UNIFORMS AND EMBLEMS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESCRIBE THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-315, RELATING TO DEPUTY ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXPIRED DIRECTIVE TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-320, RELATING TO THE TRANSMITTAL AND DELIVERY OF COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE COMMISSIONS OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO DELETE A BOND REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-350, RELATING TO THE OFFICIAL BADGE OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE AGENCY NAME FOR AN ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S OFFICIAL BADGE; TO AMEND SECTION 50-3-395, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO ISSUE WARNING TICKETS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES WITHOUT PROMULGATING REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 50-11-980, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATED WILDLIFE SANCTUARY IN CERTAIN AREAS OF CHARLESTON HARBOR, SO AS TO UPDATE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY; TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO PROVISIONS PROTECTING NONGAME AND ENDANGERED WILDLIFE SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION OF THE FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 50-15-30, RELATING TO THE LIST OF ENDANGERED SPECIES, SO AS TO UPDATE THE CITATION TO THE FEDERAL REGULATION AND TO MOVE CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

**Current Status:** 1/20/2022 - THIRD READING STATEWIDE UNCONTESTED BILL

**Recent Status:** 1/19/2022 - Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0

1/19/2022 - Read second time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3055](#)

**HB3111 EASTERN STANDARD TIME (CHUMLEY B)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TIME KNOWN AS EASTERN STANDARD TIME IS ADVANCED BY ONE HOUR BEGINNING AT 2:00 A.M. ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF MARCH OF 2021, AND BEGINNING ON THIS DATE AND TIME AND THEREAFTER PERMANENTLY BECOMES STANDARD TIME IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH NO FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS UNDER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURAL AND RELATED PROVISIONS TO GIVE THE ABOVE PROVISIONS EFFECT INCLUDING HAVING THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL SUBMIT A WAIVER REQUEST TO THE FEDERAL SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION PERMITTING AND APPROVING THESE PROVISIONS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE EFFECT.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Thayer

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3111](#)

**HB3126 COVID-19 VACCINE OR MASK ENFORCEMENT PROHIBITION (JONES S)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR THIS STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF TO ACCEPT ANY FEDERAL FUNDS TO ENFORCE AN UNLAWFUL FEDERAL MASK MANDATE OR UNLAWFUL FEDERAL VACCINE MANDATE.

**Current Status:** 12/10/2021 - Roll call Yeas-60 Nays-25

**Recent Status:** 12/10/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

12/9/2021 - Roll call Yeas-67 Nays-31

**State Bill Page:** [HB3126](#)

**HB3146 GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY (GREAT) PROGRAM (WHITE W)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE "GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY (GREAT) PROGRAM", TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF BROADBAND TO UNSERVED AREAS OF THE STATE, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO ESTABLISH THE GROWING RURAL ECONOMIES WITH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY FUND, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROJECT AREAS ARE INELIGIBLE, TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN APPLICATION PRIORITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 59 AS ARTICLE 1, "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

**Current Status:** 3/9/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : McDaniel

**Recent Status:** 2/3/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Huggins

1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Labor, Commerce and Industry

**State Bill Page:** [HB3146](#)

**HB3155**    **MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS** (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1560, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MINIMUM SPEED LIMITS ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM SPEED LIMIT ALONG A HIGHWAY WITH A MAXIMUM POSTED SPEED LIMIT OF SEVENTY MILES AN HOUR IS FIFTY MILES AN HOUR.

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1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3155](#)

**HB3191**    **MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE** (DAVIS S) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "MULTIFAMILY DWELLING SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 21 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION TO ADOPT A MULTIFAMILY DWELLING BALCONY CODE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR BALCONY RAILINGS THAT ARE PRIMARILY CONSTRUCTED OF WOOD AND ARE LOCATED IN MULTIFAMILY DWELLINGS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT PERIODICALLY CONDUCT INSPECTIONS OF SUCH BALCONIES TO ASCERTAIN COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Bernstein

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**State Bill Page:** [HB3191](#)

**HB3194**    **SANTEE COOPER** (LUCAS J) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE THE TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR EX OFFICIO MEMBERS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-30, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AND TO SELECT A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WHO SHALL CAUSE THE AUTHORITY TO EMPLOY ALL NECESSARY EMPLOYEES WITH THE BOARD APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF ANY SENIOR MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL SELECTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY COMPENSATION AND SEVERANCE PACKAGES MUST FIRST BE APPROVED BY THE AGENCY HEAD SALARY COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-55, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "BEST INTERESTS"; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-56, RELATING TO CONFLICT OF INTEREST TRANSACTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION BY A DIRECTOR CONSTITUTES GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO REMOVE DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO ESTABLISH EXPIRATION DATES FOR DIRECTORS SERVING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-240 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO APPROVE, REJECT, OR MODIFY CERTAIN BONDS, NOTES, OR



OTHER INDEBTEDNESS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE, AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT BY SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR REGARDING REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS EXECUTED DURING THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTHS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-250 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE TO COMPEL CERTAIN WRITTEN OR ORAL TESTIMONY FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-110, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A QUALIFIED CERTIFICATION EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN TRANSMISSION LINES OR FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-31-430, RELATING TO THE SERVICE AREA TO BE EXCLUSIVELY SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CLARIFY THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY'S RIGHT TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS CONCERNING SERVICE AREAS AND CORRIDOR RIGHTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RETAIL RATES PROCESS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-225 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO MAKE INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-51 SO AS TO ENUMERATE CERTAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF REGARDING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-55, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION OF RECORDS TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF WHEN CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AS CONFIDENTIAL, OR PROPRIETARY, AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 58-27-190, 58-27-200, 58-27-210, AND 58-27-220, ALL RELATING TO THE INSPECTION, AUDIT, AND ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, ALL SO AS TO EXPAND THE APPLICABILITY OF THESE SECTIONS' PROVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE "UTILITY FACILITY SITING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY"; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-33-180, 58-33-185, AND 58-33-190 ALL SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY REGARDING THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND PURCHASE OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-37-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EXPAND THE SECTION'S APPLICABILITY TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, AND TO IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-227 SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IMPOSE RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN THAT PROVIDES FOR EMPLOYEE RETENTION, JOB TRAINING, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYEES AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN COAL STATIONS; AND TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 11 OF ACT 135 OF 2020. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 6/15/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 6/9/2021 - Ratified R 110

6/8/2021 - Roll call Yeas-111 Nays-0 (Adopt conference report)

**State Bill Page:** [HB3194](#)

**HB3200** **LOBBYING** (ROSE S) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF "COVERED AGENCY ACTION", "LEGISLATION", "LOBBYING", "LOBBYIST", "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND

"PUBLIC OFFICIAL", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THESE TERMS TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ALSO SHALL APPLY TO CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS OR LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE PROPOSED, DRAFTED, DEVELOPED, CONSIDERED, OR PROMULGATED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR TO PERSONS WHO ARE EMPLOYED, APPOINTED, OR RETAINED, WITH OR WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BY ANOTHER PERSON TO INFLUENCE CERTAIN OFFICIAL ACTIONS BY DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH LOCAL PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, THE ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY MEMBER OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY, THE VOTE OF ANY PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC MEMBER OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL AGENCY, BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COUNCIL, OR THE OFFICIAL ACTION OR VOTE OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE, INCLUDING MAYORS AND COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATORS OR MANAGERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT "PUBLIC BODY", "PUBLIC EMPLOYEE", AND "PUBLIC OFFICIAL" ALSO MEAN COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BODIES, EMPLOYEES, AND OFFICIALS; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-30, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES PERFORMED AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-35, RELATING TO LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS' REPORTING OF LOBBYING EXPENDITURES, SO AS TO INCLUDE COSTS EXPENDED LOBBYING AT THE LOCAL, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-40, RELATING TO STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT REPORTS OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS ALSO ARE SUBJECT TO THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-45, RELATING TO REPORTS OF CERTAIN ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO ENTITIES THAT RANK OR RATE ACTIONS, VOTES, OR FAILURES TO ACT OR VOTE OF A MEMBER OR COMMITTEE OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-80, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-90, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED OF LOBBYISTS' PRINCIPALS SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES TO ATTEND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL AUTHORITIES FOR AUTHORIZED REIMBURSEMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-130, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS REGARDING LOBBYISTS AND LOBBYING, SO AS TO MAKE ITS PROVISIONS ALSO APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY AND TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COUNCILS.

**Current Status:** 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Caskey

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3200](#)

**HB3243** **IMMIGRATION AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE** (COLLINS N) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WHO ARE LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THIS STATE AND ARE NOT PRECLUDED FROM ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY UNDER FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW MAY

ESTABLISH RESIDENCY AND BE ELIGIBLE FOR OCCUPATIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, PROVIDED OTHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS Contested by Senator Kimbrell

**Recent Status:** 1/25/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS  
1/11/2022 - STATEWIDE SECOND READING BILLS (Contested by Senator Kimbrell)

**State Bill Page:** [HB3243](#)

**HB3248 INCREASED FUNDING FOR PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING**  
(WHITE W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 11 SO AS TO PROVIDE INCREASED FUNDING TO PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS GENERAL FUND REVENUES INCREASE, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE FUNDING, AND TO ESTABLISH THE HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES REPAIR AND RENOVATION FUND TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-149-170, 59-149-180, 59-104-50, AND 59-104-60 SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO THE HOPE SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO NORMALIZE THE TEN-POINT GRADING SCALE FOR PURPOSES OF ELIGIBILITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-142-80 AND 59-143-40 SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE NEED-BASED GRANT PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR FUTURE FUNDING; TO AMEND SECTION 59-143-30, RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR GRANT PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-104-25 AND 59-149-15, RELATING TO CERTAIN STEM STIPENDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STIPEND IS AVAILABLE WHEN THE STUDENT BECOMES A JUNIOR INSTEAD OF A SOPHOMORE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-142-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR NEED-BASED GRANTS AND NEED-BASED TUITION GRANTS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-104-20(D) AND 59-149-150 BOTH RELATING TO CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-150-370, RELATING TO SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-103-175 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SUBMIT POLICY STATEMENTS AND RULES AS REGULATIONS; TO REQUIRE THE PROCUREMENT OF A STUDENT LOAN DEFAULT AVERSION AND FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM; BY ADDING CHAPTER 157 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE "STATE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION ENTERPRISE ACT"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-710, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROCUREMENT CODE, SO AS TO EXEMPT AN ENTERPRISE DIVISION.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HB3248](#)

**HB3277 PAYMENT FOR ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS (GILLIAM L)** A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT FOR THE ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS BY THE UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HB3277](#)

**HB3291 POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING** (POPE T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-11-600, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRESPASSING AND THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR A DIFFERENT METHOD OF THE POSTING OF NOTICE OF TRESPASSING INVOLVING CLEARLY VISIBLE PURPLE-PAINTED BOUNDARIES.

**Current Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

3/17/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

**State Bill Page:** [HB3291](#)

**HB3297 TORT CLAIMS ACT** (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-78-60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TORT CLAIMS ACT AND EXCEPTIONS TO WAIVER OF IMMUNITY, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXCEPTION FOR INSTITUTION OR PROSECUTION OF ANY JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HB3297](#)

**HJR3329 EXEMPT CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS FROM CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS** (MCKNIGHT C) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXEMPT CLOSE-CONTACT SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO WERE REQUIRED TO CLOSE BY EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC FROM LICENSE RENEWAL FEE REQUIREMENTS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS UNTIL ONE YEAR AFTER THEY ARE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO WORK BY THE GOVERNOR HAS LAPSED, AND TO PROVIDE THESE EXEMPTIONS APPLY ONLY TO PERSONS SO LICENSED PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER.

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**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HJR3329](#)

**HB3334 QUESTIONS ABOUT CONVICTIONS ON JOB APPLICATIONS** (RUTHERFORD T) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "BAN THE BOX ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONVICTIONS OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE STAGE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED.

**Current Status:** 1/14/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : J.L.Johnson

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3334](#)

**HB3354 RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION** (BALLENINE N) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT A RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCE PROPERTY HAVING A NAMEPLATE CAPACITY OF AND OPERATING AT NO GREATER THAN TWENTY KILOWATTS, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS OF THE EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**Recent Status:** 5/17/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

5/12/2021 - Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-1 (Concur in Senate Amendments)

**State Bill Page:** [HB3354](#)

**HB3360 HANDS-FREE ACT** (TAYLOR B) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN TERMS, DEFINE NEW TERMS, REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE USING A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, AND REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION AND THE ALLOCATION OF THE FINES COLLECTED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD FOR COMMITTING CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY MOTORISTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

**Current Status:** 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : McGinnis

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3360](#)

**HB3392 SALES TAX** (POPE T) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-60, 12-36-70, AS AMENDED 12-36-90, AS AMENDED 12-36-110, AND 12-36-130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SALES OF SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-160 SO AS TO DEFINE "SERVICES"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-910, RELATING TO THE FIVE PERCENT STATE SALES TAX RATE, SO AS TO REDUCE THE SALES TAX RATE TO THREE PERCENT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-920, RELATING TO THE STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-940, RELATING TO AMOUNTS THAT MAY BE ADDED TO SALES PRICES TO ACCOUNT FOR TAX, SO AS AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11 OF CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-1310 AND 12-36-1320, BOTH RELATING TO THE USE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-1710, RELATING TO THE CASUAL EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE BY REDUCING THE RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXEMPTION ON CERTAIN ITEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2530, RELATING TO TAXES ON ITEMS DELIVERED OUT OF STATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-36-2620, 12-36-2630, AND 12-36-2640, ALL RELATING TO THE CREDITING OF CERTAIN TAXES, SO AS TO CREDIT SUCH TAXES IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THEY

WERE CREDITED BEFORE THE RATE REDUCTION; TO REPEAL SECTION 12-36-2646 RELATING TO THE TAX EXCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST EIGHTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE; BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-270 SO AS TO CREATE THE "TAX REFORM RESERVE FUND" AND TO SPECIFY ITS PURPOSE; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 SO AS TO PROPORTIONALLY REDUCE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE STATE SALES AND USE TAX.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2021 - Member(s) request name removed as sponsor : Oremus

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3392](#)

**HR3434 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK (WILLIAMS R)** A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 6422 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO FINANCE URGENTLY NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced  
12/9/2020 - Prefiled

**State Bill Page:** [HR3434](#)

**HB3443 GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATIONS OF EMERGENCY (LUCAS J)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATIONS OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AFTER THE ELAPSE OF AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MAY CONVENE THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING SUCH DECLARATION, THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, MAY TERMINATE, ALTER, AMEND, OR CONSENT TO THE TERMS OF ANY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DURING THIS CALLED SESSION, THAT SHOULD THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NOT ACT, THEN THE TERMS OF THE DECLARATION SHALL CONTINUE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DOES ACT, THAT A GOVERNOR MAY NOT DECLARE SUCCESSIVE STATES OF EMERGENCY THAT HAVE THE EFFECT OF REINSTATING, CONTINUING, ALTERING, OR AMENDING ANY DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY NOT ISSUE ADDITIONAL OR SUCCESSIVE STATES OF EMERGENCY FOR THE SAME UNDERLYING EVENTS WITHOUT A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCE.

**Current Status:** 3/17/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Ligon

**Recent Status:** 3/2/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary  
3/2/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3443](#)

**HB3474 EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION QUESTIONS ABOUT CRIMINAL CONVICTION (ROBINSON L)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 41-1-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO JOB APPLICATION MAY INCLUDE QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONVICTIONS OF A CRIME, UNLESS THE CRIME FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVICTED DIRECTLY RELATES TO THE POSITION OF EMPLOYMENT SOUGHT OR THE OCCUPATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT, TO PROVIDE A RELATED

POLICY STATEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IN ORDER TO GIVE A BETTER CHANCE FOR APPLICANTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO THE STAGE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS WHEN BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE CONDUCTED.

**Current Status:** 1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : J.L.Johnson

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3474](#)

**HB3483 ROAD USE FEE (WILLIAMS S)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-195 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL ROAD USE FEE IMPOSED BY A COUNTY MUST BE KEPT IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITHIN THE COUNTY, TO REQUIRE THAT THE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES BE IDENTIFIED IN THE ANNUAL AUDIT, AND TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TO REIMBURSE THE ACCOUNT IN THE EVENT OF DISCREPANCIES.

**Current Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
12/16/2020 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**State Bill Page:** [HB3483](#)

**HB3529 DIGITAL CURRENCY AS CONTRIBUTIONS (JONES S)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES MAY ACCEPT DIGITAL CURRENCY AS CONTRIBUTIONS, THAT AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF DIGITAL CURRENCY BEING HELD BY A CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE MUST BE REPORTED AS INTEREST, AND THAT A CANDIDATE OR COMMITTEE SHALL SELL ANY DIGITAL CURRENCY AND DEPOSIT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE INTO A CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BEFORE SPENDING THE FUNDS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPAIGN PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "CONTRIBUTION" INCLUDES DIGITAL CURRENCY.

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**State Bill Page:** [HB3529](#)

**HB3535 TRANSPORTATION (THIGPEN I)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF CHAPTER 37, TITLE 4, THE TERM "SERVICES" MEANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SUCH AS MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-25, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY PROCUREMENT METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES OR CONTRACTING ENTITIES SHALL APPLY THE SAME PROCUREMENT METHODS AND REQUIREMENTS WHEN PROCURING OR CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES AND THE OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES PROJECTS WITHIN A COUNTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS ALSO MAY BE USED TO FINANCE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

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**State Bill Page:** [HB3535](#)

**HB3559 PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT (MOORE J)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 39 TO TITLE 6, SO AS TO ENACT THE "PARTNERSHIP FOR PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT" TO SET FORTH A METHOD BY WHICH A PRIVATE ENTITY AND A PUBLIC ENTITY MAY WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE CERTAIN PROJECTS.

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M.M.Smith, Cogswell  
1/13/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Pendarvis  
**State Bill Page:** [HB3559](#)

**HB3574 SAFE WATER ACT (CLYBURN B)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SAFE WATER ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY OPERATING A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TO PROVIDE THE WATER PURIFICATION LEVELS FOR THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND THE MINIMUM WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2022 - House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Blatt 410

**Recent Status:** 1/19/2022 - House Environmental Affairs- AG&NR, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:01 AM, Blatt 410  
3/11/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Matthews

**State Bill Page:** [HB3574](#)

**HCR3578 COVID-19 TESTING AND VACCINE (MOORE J)** A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE GOVERNOR AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO RESTORE THE STATE'S HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY BY PRIORITIZING HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN COVID-19 TESTING AND INCLUDING HOSPITALITY WORKERS IN PHASE 1A OF THIS STATE'S VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PLAN.

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**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced  
12/16/2020 - Referred to Committee House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

**State Bill Page:** [HCR3578](#)

**HJR3597 SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT (TAYLOR B)** A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 LIABILITY SAFE HARBOR ACT"; TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN



RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO STATE THE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS; TO PROVIDE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT, IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT OF LAW BETWEEN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION AND ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL PREVAIL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE RETROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 13, 2020; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Forrest

**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HJR3597](#)

**HB3601 REPAIRING OF DAMS (OTT R)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A DAM WHICH FAILS OR FAILED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2015, WHICH HAS A PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM RUNNING ACROSS THE TOP OF IT, MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT THE OWNER INTENDS TO REPAIR THE DAM AND THE DATE BY WHICH THE REPAIRS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED, TO PROVIDE THE TIMELINES IN WHICH THIS NOTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND IN A SPECIFIED MANNER WITH THE PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY, IF THE DAM OWNER INDICATES THE OWNER DOES NOT INTEND TO REPAIR THE DAM.

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**Recent Status:** 1/12/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3601](#)

**HB3606 BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS (SMITH, JR. G)** A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-59-265 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FROM BUILDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO EXEMPT PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAKE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS FROM RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-59-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION AND ITS LICENSEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF RESIDENTIAL SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS.

**Current Status:** 1/27/2022 - Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 9:00 AM, Gressette 308

**Recent Status:** 10/13/2021 - Senate Subcommittee recommends passage  
Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI  
10/13/2021 - Senate Professions and Occupations Subcommittee -LCI, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 1:00 PM, Gressette - 308

**State Bill Page:** [HB3606](#)

**HB3607 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND (LUCAS J)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE STATE GENERAL OBLIGATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO DEFRAY THE COST OF INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO INCLUDE GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS AND UNDERTAKINGS THAT SUPPORT OR PROMOTE A FOUNDATION FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "INFRASTRUCTURE"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-41-50 AND 11-41-60, RELATING TO SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-70, RELATING TO BOND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR SUCH GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROJECTS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-80, RELATING TO THE RESOLUTION EFFECTING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY SHALL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION, AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-41-90, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

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1/26/2021 - Committee report House Ways and Means : Favorable

**State Bill Page:** [HB3607](#)

**HB3674 ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE (HART C)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LIMIT ON ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE INCREASES IMPOSED BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER METHOD OF OVERRIDING THE ANNUAL CAP BY A POSITIVE MAJORITY OF THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNING BODY AND DELETING THE SUPER MAJORITY REQUIREMENT FOR OVERRIDING THE CAP FOR SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 11-11-150, RELATING TO THE TRUST FUND FOR TAX RELIEF, SO AS TO RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND FULL FUNDING FOR THE SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE PORTION OF THE REIMBURSEMENT PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION REIMBURSED FROM THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND FROM ALL SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE ALLOWED ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-270, RELATING TO THE REIMBURSEMENTS PAID LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROPERTY TAX NOT COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED AND, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDITS IN COUNTIES WHERE THE USE OF LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX REVENUES GIVE RISE TO A CREDIT AGAINST SCHOOL-OPERATING PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-251, RELATING TO THE CALCULATION OF "ROLLBACK TAX MILLAGE" APPLICABLE FOR REASSESSMENT YEARS, SO AS TO RESTORE THE FORMER EXEMPTION ALLOWED FROM A PORTION OF SCHOOL-OPERATING MILLAGE FOR ALL OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 10, TITLE 4 RELATING TO THE LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX FOR LOCAL PROPERTY TAX CREDITS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 11-11-157, 11-11-155, AND 11-11-156 RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TRUST FUND; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 36, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX THE REVENUES OF WHICH REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM ALL PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE

IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-3130, 12-37-3140, AND 12-37-3150, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, VALUATION, AND ASSESSABLE TRANSFERS OF INTEREST, FOR PURPOSES OF THE "SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT", SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE "POINT OF SALE" VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND RETURN TO THE FORMER VALUATION SYSTEM IN WHICH REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS TO REAL PROPERTY ARE APPRAISED BY THE ASSESSOR AND PERIODICALLY ADJUSTED IN COUNTYWIDE REAPPRAISALS, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS ON INCREASES IN FAIR MARKET VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY RESULTS IN A VALUE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR THAT THE LOWER VALUE BECOMES THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND IS DEEMED ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, TO PROVIDE THAT AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IS A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR OTHER INSTANCE CAUSING A "STEPUP" IN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY TO ITS FAIR MARKET VALUE AS DETERMINED BY THE ASSESSOR, TO REQUIRE THE CAP ON INCREASES IN VALUE TO BE APPLIED SEPARATELY TO REAL PROPERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, AND TO PROVIDE WHEN THE STEPUP VALUE FIRST APPLIES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT" FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE PROCEDURES ACT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE NOTICES TO INCLUDE PROPERTY TAX VALUE AND PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIO APPLIES TO THE LOWER OF FAIR MARKET VALUE, PROPERTY TAX VALUE, OR SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-60-2510, RELATING TO THE FORM OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES ISSUED BY THE COUNTY ASSESSOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE NOTICES MUST CONTAIN THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ADDITION TO FAIR MARKET VALUE AND SPECIAL USE VALUE; TO REPEAL ARTICLE 25, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL PROPERTY VALUATION REFORM ACT, IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ARE RATIFIED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS AND SECTIONS 12-60-30, AS AMENDED, AND 12-60-2510, RELATING TO TAX PROCEDURES, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING AMENDMENTS, AND MAKE THESE REPEALS AND AMENDMENTS CONTINGENT UPON RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 6, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE ELIMINATING THE FIFTEEN PERCENT CAP OVER FIVE YEARS IN INCREASES IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX AND ELIMINATING AN ASSESSABLE TRANSFER OF INTEREST AS AN EVENT THAT MAY RESULT IN A CHANGE IN THE VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR PURPOSES OF THE IMPOSITION OF THE PROPERTY TAX.

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**Recent Status:** 1/14/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3674](#)

**HB3683** **"SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2021"** (LUCAS J) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA RATEPAYER PROTECTION ACT OF 2021" BY ADDING SECTIONS 8-27-70, 8-27-80, AND 8-27-90 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC UTILITY WHO REPORT WRONGDOING BY THE UTILITY AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE DISMISSED OR SUFFER ADVERSE EMPLOYMENT ACTIONS BECAUSE OF A REPORT OF WRONGDOING; BY ADDING SECTIONS 37-6-610, 37-6-611, AND 37-6-612 ALL SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION REGULATES A BUSINESS WITH WHICH THAT PERSON IS ASSOCIATED, AND TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON FUTURE EMPLOYMENT

AND SPECIFIED ETHICAL REQUIREMENTS ON THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS WHICH PERMIT THE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO FIND A CANDIDATE QUALIFIED IF HE DOES NOT HAVE THE BACKGROUND OR EXPERTISE REQUIRED BY LAW AND PROVISIONS WHICH PERMIT CERTAIN INCUMBENT COMMISSIONERS TO BE REELECTED WHO DO NOT MEET THESE QUALIFICATIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-3-21 AND 58-3-22 BOTH SO AS TO AUTHORIZE MILEAGE AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM CONSULTING WITH RETAINED EXPERTS AND ATTORNEYS IN CLOSED SESSION IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE APPELLATE COURTS OF THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-25, RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH ARE CONSIDERED CONFLICTS, AND TO DELETE A REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN FILINGS BY EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-30, RELATING TO CODES OF CONDUCT OF COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND PERMISSIBLE ACTIONS AND PRACTICES OF COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO REQUIRE ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR COMMISSIONERS AND EMPLOYEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 58-3-60, 58-3-190, AND 58-3-200, ALL RELATING TO AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH INSPECTIONS, AUDITS, AND EXAMINATIONS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE CONDUCTED; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MAY EMPLOY, THROUGH CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES IF THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RATEPAYERS AND IT IS APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-225, RELATING TO CONDUCT OF HEARINGS BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEFORE MAKING A DETERMINATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL QUESTION THE PARTIES THOROUGHLY DURING HEARINGS OF CONTESTED CASES WHEN APPROPRIATE; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES TO A PROCEEDING, SO AS TO PERMIT CERTAIN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-3-281, 58-3-282, 58-3-283, 58-3-284, 58-3-285, 58-3-286, AND 58-3-287 ALL SO AS TO IMPOSE CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES AND SANCTIONS AGAINST A PUBLIC UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 OR REFUSES TO OBEY A RULE, ORDER, OR REGULATION OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF OR THE COMMISSION, OR WHICH FILES OR SUBMITS FALSE INFORMATION, INCLUDING A REQUIREMENT THAT THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER OF A UTILITY CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION PROVIDED; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-290 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSION TO REQUIRE MEDIATION OR ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-520, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE AND PREVENT A PERSON FROM BEING APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE WHO HAS MADE CERTAIN POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-530, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOMINATE ALL CANDIDATES IT FINDS QUALIFIED FOR EACH SEAT ON THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL APPOINT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; TO AMEND SECTION 58-3-560, RELATING TO ELECTION

OF COMMISSIONERS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTION AS A COMMISSIONER, AND TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH ELECTIONS AFTER 2020, THE ELECTIONS MUST BE HELD AT LEAST FORTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE SCREENING AND NOMINATION PROCESS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-565 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE PROHIBITED FROM CERTAIN ACTIONS OR HAVING CERTAIN BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS; TO AMEND SECTION 58-4-40, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS ON THE PART OF EMPLOYEES AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS BY THESE EMPLOYEES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-140 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF MAY EMPLOY THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS AND EXPERTS IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTY IF IT DETERMINES THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF RATEPAYERS TO DO SO; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 58-4-30 RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF.

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**State Bill Page:** [HB3683](#)

**HB3689**

**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION UNDER A USDOT NUMBER** (ALLISON M) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SYSTEM OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SO AS TO REVISE THE WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR VEHICLES FOR WHICH THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION FEE IS ONE HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS OR MORE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF SELF-PROPELLED PROPERTY CARRYING VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MOTOR CARRIER SELECTING SOUTH CAROLINA AS ITS BASE JURISDICTION FOR REGISTERING A VEHICLE UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN MUST OWN OR LEASE REAL PROPERTY USED DIRECTLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF FREIGHT OR PERSONS WITHIN THE STATE, AND TO REVISE THE PROCESS FOR PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-190, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES THAT ARE REGISTERED THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-195, RELATING TO THE PROCESSING OF MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSING RENEWALS BY COUNTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSING RENEWAL FEES BY OWNERS OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2650, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF VEHICLE TAX NOTICES AND PAID RECEIPTS, SO AS TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF TAX NOTICES PREPARED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, AND PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL MAIL A NOTICE TO REGISTRANTS OF LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES WHO DO NOT RECEIVE BILLS FROM COUNTIES CONTAINING CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2810, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOTOR CARRIER"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-37-2840 AND 12-37-2850, BOTH RELATING TO ROAD USE FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MOTOR CARRIER REGISTERING A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUS MUST PAY THE ROAD USE FEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2860, RELATING TO CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO

AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF REGISTRATION FEES THAT MAY BE PAID ON AN INSTALLMENT BASIS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2880, RELATING TO THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SUBJECT TO A ROAD USE FEE, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND SECTION 56-3-190, AND PROVIDE COUNTIES SHALL MAIL BILLS FOR ROAD USE FEES AND REGISTRATION TO CERTAIN LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES DURING A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-240, RELATING TO THE CONTENT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONTENTS OF AN APPLICATION RELATING TO LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-355, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION CARDS AND LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST SUSPEND OR REVOKE A REGISTRATION CARD OR LICENSE PLATE FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES. - ratified title

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5/6/2021 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

**State Bill Page:** [HB3689](#)

**HJR3698 COVID-19 LIABILITY** (POPE T) A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR A LIMITED TIME PERIOD FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND BUSINESSES THAT FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO STATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AGAINST LIABILITY FOR BUSINESSES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY; TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITY, COVERED INDIVIDUAL, CORONAVIRUS, CORONAVIRUS CLAIM, AND PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDANCE; TO STATE THE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR COVERED ENTITIES AND COVERED INDIVIDUALS FOR CORONAVIRUS CLAIMS; TO STATE THAT DEFENSES ARE CUMULATIVE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ARE SEVERABLE; TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE CASE OF A CONFLICT OF LAW BETWEEN THIS JOINT RESOLUTION ANY OTHER LAW OF THIS STATE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION SHALL PREVAIL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION TO BE UPON APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNOR AND FOR ITS PROVISIONS TO BE RETROACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 13, 2020, THE DATE UPON WHICH THE GOVERNOR DECLARED A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS.

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B.Newton

2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Taylor

**State Bill Page:** [HJR3698](#)

**HB3750 TORTFEASORS ACT**, (HIOTT D) A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 15-38-15, 15-38-20, 15-38-40, AND 15-38-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONTRIBUTION AMONG TORTFEASORS ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF ALLOCATION OF FAULT, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

**Current Status:** 3/18/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
Dabney

**Recent Status:** 3/16/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : B.Cox  
3/11/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :

Bradley, Erickson, Herbkersman, Allison, Gagnon, Govan,  
Huggins, Ballentine, Wooten, D.C.Moss, Hewitt

**State Bill Page:** [HB3750](#)

**HB3751 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION (THAYER A)** A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ONLY MAY APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, AND RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE STATE AND LOCAL BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS, COMPLIANCE WITH WHICH IS LEFT TO THE DETERMINATION OF LOCAL BUILDING CODE OFFICIALS, TO ELIMINATE OTHER RELATED AUTHORITY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TO EXCLUDE THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDINGS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59; TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-230, RELATING TO WAIVERS FROM CERTAIN SCHOOL BUILDING REGULATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-250, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS MUST RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS OR MODIFICATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-23-220 RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOCAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENTS, AND RENOVATIONS, AND SECTION 59-23-240 RELATING TO INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR WHICH WAIVERS FROM CERTAIN SCHOOL REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED.

**Current Status:** 2/2/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Felder

**Recent Status:** 1/27/2021 - Referred to Committee House Education and Public Works

1/27/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3751](#)

**HB3766 ABOLISH DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (YOW R)** A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 44, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO RENAME THE CHAPTER THE "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH" AND TO REORGANIZE THE CHAPTER TO ABOLISH THE DEPARTMENT AND BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH BY THE GOVERNOR, TO ELIMINATE PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE BOARD AND TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY ADDING CHAPTER 6 TO TITLE 48 SO AS TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BY THE GOVERNOR, TO TRANSFER TO THE DEPARTMENT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISIONS, OFFICE, AND PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-4-130, 44-4-540, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-230, 44-7-320, 44-7-370, 44-7-760, 44-7-2430, 44-29-10, 44-29-150, 44-29-210, 44-53-160, AS AMENDED, 44-53-280, AS AMENDED, 44-53-290, AS AMENDED, 44-53-310, 44-53-320, 44-53-360, AS AMENDED, 44-53-740, 44-55-20, 44-55-30, 44-55-40, 44-55-45, 44-55-50, 44-55-60, 44-55-70, 44-55-120, 44-55-690, 44-55-860, 44-56-20, 44-56-30, 44-56-60, 44-56-100, 44-56-130, 44-56-160, 44-56-200, 44-56-210, 44-56-405, 44-56-410, 44-56-420, 44-56-495, 44-56-720, 44-56-840, AS AMENDED, 44-61-20, AS AMENDED, 44-61-30, 44-61-40, 44-61-50, 44-61-60, 44-61-70, 44-61-80, 44-61-130, 44-61-310, 44-61-350, 44-61-720, 44-61-800, 44-63-110,

44-69-20, 44-69-30, 44-69-50, 44-71-20, 44-75-20, AS AMENDED, 44-75-30, 44-75-40, 44-89-30, 44-93-20, 44-93-150, 44-93-160, 44-96-40, 44-96-85, 44-96-100, 44-96-120, AS AMENDED, 44-96-165, 44-96-170, 44-96-250, 44-96-440, 44-96-450, 48-1-10, 48-1-20, 48-1-55, 48-1-85, 48-1-95, 48-1-100, 48-1-130, 48-1-280, 48-2-20, 48-2-70, 48-2-320, 48-2-330, 48-2-340, 48-3-10, 48-3-140, 48-5-20, 48-14-20, 48-18-20, 48-18-50, 48-20-30, 48-20-40, 48-20-70, 48-21-20, 48-34-40, 48-39-10, AS AMENDED, 48-39-35, 48-39-50, 48-39-270, 48-39-280, AS AMENDED, 48-39-320, 48-40-20, 48-40-40, 48-43-10, 48-43-30, 48-43-40, 48-43-50, 48-43-60, 48-43-100, 48-43-390, 48-43-510, 48-43-520, 48-43-570, 48-46-30, 48-46-40, 48-46-50, 48-46-80, 48-46-90, 48-52-10, 48-52-810, 48-52-865, 48-55-10, 48-56-20, 48-57-20, 48-60-20, 48-60-55, 49-1-15, 49-1-16, 49-1-18, 49-3-30, 49-4-20, 49-4-170, 49-5-30, 49-5-60, 49-6-30, 49-11-120, 49-11-170, AND 49-11-260, RELATING TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS, EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS, HOSPITALS, CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, DRINKING WATER, HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, VITAL STATISTICS, HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, HOSPICE PROGRAMS, ATHLETIC TRAINERS, BIRTHING CENTERS, INFECTIOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT, SOLID WASTE POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, POLLUTION CONTROL, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, WATER QUALITY, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL, MINING, PRESCRIBED FIRES, COASTAL TIDELANDS AND WETLANDS, BEACH RESTORATION, OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE, ENERGY EFFICIENCY, ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND INNOVATION, ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT RECOVERY, IMPOUNDMENT OF NAVIGABLE WATERS, WATER RESOURCES PLANNING, SURFACE WATER WITHDRAWAL, GROUNDWATER USE, AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT, AND DAMS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-140 SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 1-30-45 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

**Current Status:** 1/28/2021 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 1/28/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB3766](#)

**HB3892**     **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINING, PERMITTING PROHIBITIONS** (YOW R) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-96-295 AND 48-20-45 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FROM ISSUING ANY PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY OR FOR MINING ACTIVITIES, RESPECTIVELY, IF LOCATED WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO A PUBLIC PARK OR OTHER PUBLIC NATURAL AREA.

**Current Status:** 1/26/2022 - House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 11:00 AM, Blatt 410

**Recent Status:** 1/19/2022 - House Environmental Affairs- AG&NR, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing); **Time & Location:** 10:01 AM, Blatt 410  
2/23/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor :  
M.M.Smith

**State Bill Page:** [HB3892](#)

**HR4044**     **ENGINEERS DAY** (NUTT R) A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR



THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Current Status:** 3/9/2021 - Introduced and adopted

**Recent Status:**

**State Bill Page:** [HR4044](#)

**HB4060 BUILDING CODES** (SANDIFER, III W) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO BUILDING CODE ADOPTION PROCEDURES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL ALSO IS AUTHORIZED TO DENY THE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME FRAME, TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL ALSO MAY DENY THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S REPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COUNCIL MUST PROVIDE A PRELIMINARY FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

**Current Status:** 4/7/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry

**Recent Status:** 4/7/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
4/7/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

**State Bill Page:** [HB4060](#)

**HB4062 EXPERT WITNESSES AND CONSULTANTS** (SANDIFER, III W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-65 SO AS TO ALLOW THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO HIRE QUALIFIED, INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

**Current Status:** 4/7/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

**Recent Status:** 4/7/2021 - Introduced and read first time  
4/7/2021 - Read third time and sent to Senate

**State Bill Page:** [HB4062](#)

**HB4090 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURE REPORT** (HADDON P) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-430, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY TO CERTIFY THE EXPENDITURE REPORT AND INCLUDE TRANSFERRED FUNDS, AND TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY TO PUBLISH AND CERTIFY A REPORT REGARDING ANY TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK.

**Current Status:** 3/24/2021 - Member(s) request name added as sponsor : Hill

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB4090](#)

**HB4091 USER FEE ON GASOLINE** (HADDON P) A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE USER FEE MAY NOT INCREASE AFTER JULY 1, 2020.

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**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB4091](#)

**HB4092 REPEAL USER FEE ON MOTOR FUEL** (HADDON P) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTION 12-28-310 RELATING TO THE USER FEES ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-11-410 RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION AND CALCULATION OF THE ROAD TAX AND THE EFFECT OF OTHER MOTOR CARRIER TAXES.

**Current Status:** 3/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 3/17/2021 - Introduced and read first time

**State Bill Page:** [HB4092](#)

**HB4100 FY 2021-2022 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS** (SMITH, JR. G) AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - ratified title

**Current Status:** 7/1/2021 - Act No 94

**Recent Status:** 7/1/2021 - Effective Date

6/29/2021 - Veto sustained on certain items: 2, 3, 6, 8, 15

**State Bill Page:** [HB4100](#)

**HB4611 TAX CREDIT FOR HOME OFFICE** (WHITE W) A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT UTILIZE A HOME OFFICE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE ANY GAIN RESULTING FROM THE SALE OF A TAXPAYER'S HOME THAT WAS NOT EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL GROSS INCOME SOLELY BECAUSE THE TAXPAYER CLAIMED THE FEDERAL DEDUCTION FOR UTILIZING A HOME OFFICE.

**Current Status:** 1/11/2022 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**Recent Status:** 1/11/2022 - Introduced and read first time

11/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means

**State Bill Page:** [HB4611](#)