



Welcome to the first edition of the tenth annual Under the Dome. The purpose of this publication is to give you a weekly synopsis of the activities of the South Carolina General Assembly and an overview of legislation introduced during the week. We encourage you to review the bills listed and to let us know if there are any you would like to track through the legislative process. We look forward to working with you and representing your interests before the General Assembly this year.

1st Regular Session of the 119th South Carolina General Assembly

Tuesday marked the first day of the first regular session of the 119th South Carolina General Assembly. Because this is the first year of a two-year session, legislation that does not pass this year will retain its place in the legislative process for consideration in 2012. We welcome twenty new members to the House of Representatives and note there is one open seat in the House (District 64 – Special Election to be held April 5, 2011) and one open seat in the Senate (District 16 – Special Election to be held April 12, 2011). Nikki Haley was sworn in as the 116th Governor of South Carolina on Wednesday and will give her first State of the State address next Wednesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Snow and ice blanketed most of South Carolina on Monday and Tuesday, which led the Senate to convene at noon on Tuesday (the first day of session) and recede until 5:00 p.m. President Pro Tempore of the Senate Glenn McConnell took the podium to explain there are certain legal and Constitutional requirements that must be met on the first day of session, and the 20 Senators in attendance elected officers when they reconvened at 5:00. The House of Representatives convened at 3:30 p.m. for the sole purpose of reading prefiled legislation across the desk.

The Inauguration of Governor Haley began at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, with Inaugural events following throughout the day. Governor Haley has appointed the following individuals to head up the state's Cabinet Agencies:

[Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services](#)

Bob Toomey, Director *
(803) 896-5555

[Department of Commerce](#)

Robert M. Hitt III, Secretary
(803) 737-0400

[Department of Corrections](#)

William R. Byars, Jr., Director *
(803) 896-8500

[Department of Employment and Workforce](#)

John Finan, Director
803-737-2400

[Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Anthony E. Keck, Director *
(803) 898-2500

[Department of Insurance](#)

Scott Richardson, Director
803-737-6227

[Department of Juvenile Justice](#)

Margaret H. Barber, Director *
(803) 896-9749

[Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation](#)

Catherine Templeton, Director
(803) 896-4300

[Department of Motor Vehicles](#)

Kevin A. Shwedo, Director *
803-896-5000

[Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#)

Chad Prosser, Director
(803) 734-0166

[Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services](#)

Lynne W. Rogers, Director *
(803) 734-9220

[Department of Public Safety](#)

Mark Keel, Director
(803) 896-7839

[Department of Revenue and Taxation](#)

James F. Etter, Director *
(803) 898-5040

[Department of Social Services](#)

Lillian Koller, Director *
(803) 898-7601

Department of Transportation

Robert St. Onge, Secretary *
(803) 737-1302

State Law Enforcement Division

Reggie Lloyd, Chief
(803) 737-9000

** Indicates Appointment Pending*

Regarding the State Budget and Control Board, Executive Director Frank Fusco and Chief of Staff Eddie Gunn resigned on their own terms. Governor Haley led her first Budget and Control Board meeting Thursday afternoon and nominated former Department of Insurance Commissioner Eleanor Kitzman as the new Executive Director and current Department of Motor Vehicles Director Marcia Adams as Chief of Staff. The Board voted unanimously to approve the nominees.

Budget Update

The Full House Ways and Means Committee met upon adjournment of the House Thursday morning to hear 10-minute budget presentations from the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Corrections, the Commission on Higher Education and the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. Presentations were also given on the Capital Reserve Fund, Debt Service and Aid to Subdivisions. House Ways and Means Chairman Dan Cooper opened the meeting noting FY 2011-12 is going to a difficult budget year, and the intended format of these meetings is to provide a more transparent, open system so all members and the public will have the opportunity to participate in the budget process.

Department of Education

The State's brand new Superintendent of Education testified before the Committee that the Department's expenditures have increased over 40% in the past eight years. Dr. Zais stated to the Committee that he would like more autonomy for school districts because "locals understand best what is vital for their schools", less direction from the Department in Columbia and more accountability with money following the child. Representative Roland Smith inquired about privatization of the bus system, and Dr. Zais said he is researching the option. Dr. Zais said "improved measures of accountability" give more local control, but with that local control comes more accountability. Dr. Zais additionally supports three high school curriculums: college, career and technical and basic.

Department of Health and Human Services

William Wells, Interim Director of the Department pending the confirmation of Tony Keck, told the Committee that the 5% growth of the Medicaid population is the primary reason for the deficit, as the Department underestimated impact of the recession. The current fiscal year's deficit is \$200 million state dollars, and when combined with the Federal match of \$800 million dollars, that equates to a \$1 billion dollar impact on the healthcare industry in South Carolina. For FY 2011-2012, the Department is asking for \$629 million in new state appropriations, which would cover the deficit, the expiration of Federal stimulus dollars and the current growth in eligible participants. With the loss of stimulus money, the Department's deficit will be \$659 million dollars in 2012. Mr. Wells noted the challenges are reductions – Federal law mandates certain services cannot be reduced such as children's programs, which leaves adult optional services, including adult prescription drugs and clinical services (infusion centers). House Minority Leader Harry Ott questioned Mr. Wells regarding Federal dollars and mandates. Mr. Wells agreed that if the state did not take the Federal funds, it would not have to abide by the Federal mandates. Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter asked for the Department to make recommendations to the Committee on how we can mitigate the pending cuts Adult Optional Services which will take place on February 1st. Representative Cobb-Hunter stated she believes the Committee should review provider rates, nursing home rates, etc. in order to avoid future cuts to optional services.

The Department will run out of money at the end of February, and if not allowed to run at a deficit will suspend the payment of claims once the funds are gone. The Budget and Control Board will meet February 8th to decide the deficit issue.

Local Aid to Subdivisions (Local Government Fund)

Les Boles, Director of the Office of State Budget, testified the Local Government Fund is set by statute, which is 4.5 percent of the General Fund (FY 2011-2012 = \$213 million). For the last two years, this statutory funding mandate has been suspended due to budget cuts, and the last time the 4.5% was fully allocated was FY 2008-2009. Chairman Cooper stated the Committee will suspend statutory funding mandate again via a Joint Resolution. The Chairman went on to say there has been discussion of totally eliminating the Fund but he does not expect that to happen and mentioned a possible 10 percent cut to the FY 2010-2011 appropriated amount.

To view the meeting handouts, visit:

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/citizensinterestpage/Ways&MeansMeetingHandouts/MeetingHandouts.html>

Bill Updates

H.3278	Beer and Wine Permitting	Joint Resolution introduced and placed on the House Calendar without reference to correct the unintended consequences of a bill signed into law in 2010 which would no longer allow cities or any group other than a nonprofit or political organization to apply for temporary beer and wine permits for festivals and other events (ex. the popular St. Patrick's Day event held annually in Columbia). The JR received second and third reading in the House and was sent to the Senate for consideration next week.
H.3002	Education and Finance Act	Before the Ways and Means Revenue Policy Legislative Subcommittee on Wednesday. The Subcommittee adopted the attached amendment containing the funding formula, and additional amendments are pending.

Important Dates

First Day of the 2011 Legislative Session	January 11, 2011 (Tuesday)
Ways and Means Budget Subcommittees	Continuing January 18 th – 20 th
DHEC, DLLR and others presenting before W&M Budget Subcommittees	Tuesday, January 18 th – 1.5 hours after adjournment of the House
S.256 and S.255 – Charitable raffles – before the full Senate Judiciary Committee	Tuesday, January 18 th – 3:00 p.m.
H.3241 – Charter School bill – before the House Education & Public Works K-12 Education Subcommittee	Wednesday, January 19 th – 10:00 a.m.
Dept. of Education and First Steps presenting before W&M Budget Subcom	Wednesday, January 18 th – 10:00 a.m.
Senate Select Committee on K-12 Funding	Wednesday, January 19 th – 10:00 a.m.
Governor Haley's First State of the State Address	Wednesday, January 19 th – 7:00 p.m.
Senate Medical Affairs Committee to consider Statewide Appointment: Tony Keck, DHHS	Thursday, January 20 th – 10:00 a.m.
Ways and Means Budget Subcommittees	Continuing to meet January 25 th – 27 th
Ways and Means Budget Subcommittees	Continuing to meet February 1 st – 3 rd
Ways and Means Budget Subcommittees	Continuing to meet February 8 th – 10 th
Ways and Means Proviso Subcommittee	Week of February 15 th – 17 th

Full Ways and Means Budget Deliberations	Week of February 22 nd - 24 th
House Floor Budget Deliberations	Week of March 8 th - 10 th (Tentative)
May 1 st Crossover for Legislation	April 28, 2011 (May 1 st falls on Sunday)
Final day of the 2011 Legislative Session	June 2, 2011 (Thursday)

Legislation of Interest – January 11th through January 13th

Please take a moment to review the bills listed below and let us know if there are any you would like to track and receive updates on as they move through the legislative process. Feel free to call Ted, Hobart or Tara at (803) 799-9993 or email tboone@rplfirm.com with questions or comments.

Prefiled Bills
These bills were prefiled in November and December 2010 and read across the desk in each Chamber on January 11th.
Senate Prefiled bills - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sintro/20110111.htm
House Prefiled bills - http://www.scstatehouse.gov/hintro/20110111.htm
Child Welfare
Enact Jaidon’s Law - H. 3308 - Reps. Forrester, Allison and Parker: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT "JAIDON'S LAW" BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-1680, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS, APPROVAL, AND AMENDMENT OF A PLACEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR A CHILD REMOVED FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE VISITATION RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARENTS UNDER THE PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1690, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A PLACEMENT PLAN WHEN THE CONDITIONS FOR REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM THE CUSTODY OF HIS OR HER PARENTS INCLUDE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY THE PARENTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THE PLAN MANDATORY, RATHER THAN IN THE DISCRETION OF THE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1710, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL FILE A PETITION TO TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF THE PARENT IS CONVICTED OF HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OR AIDING OR ABETTING TO COMMIT HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE THIS PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED THREE HAIR-STRAND DRUG TESTS OVER A NINE-MONTH PERIOD; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FILE SUCH A PETITION IF A PARENT FAILED TWICE IN A TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF A TREATMENT PLAN OR

PLACEMENT PLAN; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1940, RELATING TO COURT-ORDERED PLACEMENT OF A PERSON IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT A PERSON BE PLACED IN THE REGISTRY IF THE PERSON GAVE BIRTH TO THE CHILD AND THE CHILD TESTED POSITIVE FOR DRUGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2570, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING PARENTAL RIGHTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS ON THE GROUNDS OF SEVERE AND REPETITIVE ABUSE OR NEGLECT INCLUDES HOSPITALIZATION OF A CHILD FOR MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS DUE TO ABUSE OR NEGLECT; TO INCLUDE IN THE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT'S ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS OR PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION ABUSE WHEN THE PARENT'S ADDICTION IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME; AND TO PROVIDE AS A GROUND FOR TERMINATING THESE RIGHTS A PARENT BEING CONVICTED OF MURDER, VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER, OR HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE OF ANOTHER CHILD OF THE PARENT. **Referred to Committee on Judiciary.**

Healthcare

Establish a Wellness Premium Discount to State Employees - [S. 348](#) - Senator Ryberg: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A WELLNESS PREMIUM DISCOUNT TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN OFFERED THROUGH THE SOUTH CAROLINA EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ONGOING CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

K-12 Education

Public School Instructional Days / Academic Performance Ratings - [H. 3296](#) - Reps. Lowe, Spires and Toole: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-1-425, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADES AT LEAST FIVE HOURS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY MUST BE DEVOTED TO INSTRUCTION IN WRITING, ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS, AND MATHEMATICS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-310, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION CONNECTING STUDENT ASSESSMENT SCORES AND RETENTION IN THE CURRENT GRADE LEVEL; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-900, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE RATINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A THIRD GRADE STUDENT WHO DOES NOT ACHIEVE A "MET" OR "EXEMPLARY" PERFORMANCE STANDARD ON CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT MAY NOT BE PROMOTED TO THE FOURTH GRADE UNTIL HE ACHIEVES THOSE STANDARDS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION. **Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works.**

Law Enforcement and Public Safety

Criminal Records Check for Employment as a Firefighter - [S. 334](#) - Senator Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-80-20 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK FOR EMPLOYMENT AS A FIREFIGHTER, TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSES THAT PREVENT A PERSON FROM PERFORMING FIREFIGHTING DUTIES IN THIS STATE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

Traffic Citations via Electronic Device - [S. 336](#) - Senator Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-7-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERATING UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS WITH AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO REQUIRE THAT A COPY OF THE CITATION IS HANDED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFENDER BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ISSUING THE TICKET; TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 56, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC TICKETS, BY ADDING SECTION 56-7-35 TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST STOP AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE TO ISSUE A TRAFFIC TICKET, TO PROVIDE THAT THE TRAFFIC TICKET MUST BE HANDED DIRECTLY TO THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT MAIL OR OTHERWISE SEND A TRAFFIC TICKET TO AN OFFENDER, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFIC TICKET CANNOT BE ISSUED BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CAMERA OR OTHER DEVICE CAPTURING THE IMAGE WAS ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO TOLL COLLECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-710, RELATING TO THE POWER OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES CONCERNING TRAFFIC LAWS, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFIC TICKET CANNOT BE ISSUED BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART UPON PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CAMERA OR OTHER DEVICE CAPTURING THE IMAGE WAS ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-70, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS BEING SUSPENDED DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, TO CLARIFY THAT UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED IN WHOLE OR IN PART ON PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CAMERA OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE CAPTURING THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE WAS ATTENDED OR UNATTENDED AT THE TIME IT CAPTURED THE PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE; AND TO DISGORGE ANY FINES COLLECTED IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 56-5-70. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.**

Create the Department of Law Enforcement and Public Safety - [H. 3291](#) - Reps. Cooper and Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 2 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 1-3-240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF CERTAIN STATE OFFICERS BY

THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 1-7-920, RELATING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-90, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY" FOR THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY", TO AMEND SECTION 2-13-240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO VARIOUS ENTITIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO AMEND SECTIONS 5-3-90, 5-7-110, 9-11-180, AS AMENDED, 10-11-80, AS AMENDED, 11-35-710, AS AMENDED, 12-28-1910, AS AMENDED, 12-28-2325, 12-45-70, AS AMENDED, 13-7-70, AS AMENDED, 13-7-160, AS AMENDED, 14-1-206, AS AMENDED, 14-1-207, AS AMENDED, 14-1-208, AS AMENDED, 14-1-212, 16-3-1410, AS AMENDED, 17-5-130, 17-22-350, AND 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF THE PROVISIONS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S CONTRIBUTIONS INTO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ON BEHALF OF ACTIVE HIGHWAY PATROL MEMBER EMPLOYEES, PARKING ON CERTAIN STATE PARKING LOTS, STATE PROCUREMENT CODE EXEMPTIONS, THE INSPECTION OF FUEL AND SHIPPING PAPERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PAYING TAXES AND THE DELEGATION OF COLLECTION OF TAXES, RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE TRANSPORTATION OF MATERIALS, REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS, COURT ASSESSMENTS AND SURCHARGES, VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES, QUALIFICATIONS AND AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CORONERS, TRAFFIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FEES, AND THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 23, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REESTABLISH IT AS A DIVISION OF SLED; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-23-30, AS AMENDED, 23-25-20, 24-5-340, 36-9-410, 38-55-530, AS AMENDED, 38-55-570, AS AMENDED, 38-73-470, AS AMENDED, 38-77-1120, 39-9-230, AS AMENDED, 43-5-1250, AS AMENDED, 44-4-130, AS AMENDED, 54-17-60, 56-1-286, AS AMENDED, 56-1-460, AS AMENDED, 56-1-1320, 56-1-1760, 56-1-2220, 56-1-2230, 56-3-662, 56-3-663, AS AMENDED, 56-3-840, AS AMENDED, 56-5-330, 56-5-380, 56-5-765, 56-5-1270, 56-5-1300, 56-5-1320, 56-5-1330,

56-5-1340, 56-5-1350, 56-5-1520, 56-5-2930, AS AMENDED, 56-5-2933, AS AMENDED, 56-5-2945, AS AMENDED, 56-5-2951, AS AMENDED, 56-5-2953, AS AMENDED, 56-5-3660, 56-5-3670, 56-5-3680, 56-5-3690, 56-5-3900, 56-5-4030, 56-5-4035, 56-5-4070, 56-5-4075, 56-5-4140, AS AMENDED, 56-5-4160, AS AMENDED, 56-5-4170, 56-5-4840, 56-5-4880, 56-5-4970, 56-5-5015, 56-5-5080, 56-5-5120, 56-5-5140, 56-5-5810, AS AMENDED, 56-5-5870, 56-5-5880, 56-5-6170, 56-5-6525, AS AMENDED, 56-5-6560, 56-5-6565, 56-7-10, 56-7-12, 56-7-30, AS AMENDED, 56-9-350, 56-10-45, 56-10-552, 56-11-20, 56-11-40, 56-15-420, 56-19-420, AS AMENDED, 56-35-50, 57-3-180, 58-23-50, AS AMENDED, 58-23-1120, AS AMENDED, 59-67-20, 59-67-260, 59-67-570, 61-6-2900, 61-6-4250, 61-6-4290, 63-19-1860, 63-19-1880, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE, RESERVE DETENTION OFFICERS, UNLAWFUL SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO A SECURITY INTEREST, INSURANCE FRAUD AND REPORTING IMMUNITY, THE DISPOSITION OF UNINSURED MOTOR PREMIUMS, MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT AND MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE FRAUD-REPORTING IMMUNITY ACT, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METRIC SYSTEM, THE STATEWIDE NETWORK OF MASS TRANSIT SYSTEMS, THE EMERGENCY HEALTH POWERS ACT, ACCOUNT BALANCES RELATING TO HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES, ACTIVITIES OF THE MARITIME SECURITY COMMISSION AND THE NAVAL MILITIA, MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSES, THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES, THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC TRAVELING ALONG THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS, THE ISSUANCE OF TRAFFIC TICKETS, VERIFICATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE, THE CONFISCATION OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND LICENSE PLATES, THE UNINSURED ENFORCEMENT FUND, THE ROAD TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS, THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DEALER AND WHOLESALE LICENSES, MOTOR VEHICLE CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, DIESEL IDLING RESTRICTIONS, PERMITS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, MOTOR VEHICLE CARRIERS, THE TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN, THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL ACT, THE CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF A JUVENILE, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF JUVENILE PROBATION COUNSELORS, ALL SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY", OR "DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 21, TITLE 24, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND OPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES AND THE BOARD OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES, SO AS TO TRANSFER ALL FUNCTIONS, POWERS, DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY STATUTORILY EXERCISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-3-10, 23-3-680, AND 23-3-690, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF SLED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 23 SO AS TO CREATE THE NATURAL RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT DIVISION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY; TO AMEND SECTION 23-6-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO GIVE IT JURISDICTION TO ENFORCE THE LAWS REGARDING BIRDS AND FISHERIES; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 50-3-110, 50-3-120, 50-3-130, 50-3-140, 50-3-150, 50-3-160, 50-3-310, 50-3-315, 50-3-316, 50-3-320, 50-3-330, 50-3-340, 50-3-350, 50-3-370, 50-3-380, 50-3-390, 50-3-395, 50-3-396, 50-3-400, 50-3-410, AND 50-3-420 ALL RELATING TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT DIVISION. **Referred to Committee on Judiciary.**

Local Government

Membership of the Greater Greenville Sewer District - [S. 331](#) - Senator S. Martin: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 745 OF 1967, RELATING TO THE GREATER GREENVILLE SEWER DISTRICT (CURRENTLY RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES), TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION FROM NINE TO ELEVEN MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AT LEAST ONE MEMBER MUST BE FROM SPARTANBURG COUNTY. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.**

Distribution of Appropriations to the Local Government Fund / [Link to Population - H. 3288](#) - Rep. Simrill: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-27-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF MONIES APPROPRIATED TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND, SO AS TO LINK THE DISTRIBUTION RATIO TO THE MOST RECENT ANNUAL POPULATION ESTIMATE AS PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

State Government

Temporary Beer and Wine Permits / No Limits on Types of Applicants - [H. 3278](#) - Rep. Harrison: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2011, THERE ARE NO LIMITATIONS AS TO TYPES OF APPLICANTS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO MAY APPLY FOR A SPECIAL FIFTEEN-DAY BEER AND WINE PERMIT AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 61-4-550 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, IN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CORRECT AN IMPROVIDENTLY ENACTED PROVISION IN 2010 RESTRICTING THE ISSUANCE OF THESE PERMITS TO ONLY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERS AND ENACTS PERMANENT GENERAL LAW CHANGES TO EFFECTUATE THIS CORRECTION. **Introduced, read first time, placed on calendar without reference.**

Temporary Beer and Wine Permits / [Allow a Homeowner's Association to be Eligible - H. 3295](#) - Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 61-6-1820, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CRITERIA FOR A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS A HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, CHARTERED AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION BY THE SECRETARY

OF STATE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP IS LIMITED TO INDIVIDUALS WHO OWN PROPERTY IN THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AND WHOSE AFFAIRS ARE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP, IS ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH A LICENSE. **Referred to Committee on Judiciary.**

Prohibit Appropriations to Allow An Agency to Run at a Deficit - [S. 368](#) - Senators Sheheen, Malloy, Scott, Coleman, Massey and Lourie: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-495(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MONITORING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES TO DETERMINE YEAR-END DEFICITS, TO PROHIBIT AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS OF THIS STATE FROM RUNNING A DEFICIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-495(C), TO PROHIBIT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM AUTHORIZING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ANY AGENCY PROJECTED TO RUN A DEFICIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

Taxation

Property Tax / Assessment Ratio on Certain Properties - [S. 347](#) - Senators Davis, Rose, Campbell, Grooms, Cromer, Bright and Peeler: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY AND THE APPLICABLE ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPOSITION OF PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO REDUCE THE ASSESSMENT RATIO ON MANUFACTURING, UTILITY, AND MINING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FROM TEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF VALUE TO SIX PERCENT OF VALUE AND TO DELETE PROVISIONS MADE OBSOLETE BY THIS REDUCTION. **Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.**

Sales Tax on Vehicles - Increase to \$500 / Tax Credit - [H. 3320](#) - Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES, USE, OR CASUAL EXCISE TAX ON CERTAIN ITEMS OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX FROM THREE HUNDRED TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-36-2115 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CREDIT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF THE SALES, USE, OR CASUAL EXCISE TAX OTHERWISE DUE ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IN WHICH THE AMOUNT SUBJECT TO THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS CHAPTER IS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR LESS. **Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.**

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