
Details from Each Chamber



NASCAR

Both the Senate and the House of Representatives discussed [S. 481](#) and [H. 3783](#), bills that gives an admission license tax exemption for Darlington Speedway. Rep. Merrill (R-Berkley) offered an amendment to the House bill that provides a similar exemption for a soccer stadium in his district, arguing that the bill was unfair since other stadiums could benefit from exemptions. The amendment was later tabled.

Guns

The Senate spent most of the week debating bills related to guns. [S. 308](#), would permit concealed weapons permit holders to carry their guns in restaurants and bars. Sen. Massey (R-Edgefield) offered a compromise amendment that would not allow a person to carry a gun in a restaurant or bar between midnight and 5:00 am. In addition, a business can post a "no concealed weapons allowed" sign. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 26-13. All other amendments were withdrawn and the bill was given third reading. The Senate also debated [H.3560](#), a bill that prohibited mentally ill citizens from possessing and purchasing guns. The Senate will reconvene next week to continue discussing the bill.

Telemedicine

This week, the Senate passed [S. 290](#), the South Carolina Telemedicine Insurance Reimbursement Act. The House of Representatives referred the bill to the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee.

Electronics Recycling

The House of Representatives passed [H. 3847](#), a bill that makes revisions to the E-Waste legislation passed in 2010.

Motion Picture Rebate

The House of Representatives passed [H. 3357](#), the bill that would expand the motion picture production rebate for movies and television programs filmed in the state. The committee amendment, related to the rebate only being given to films and shows that portray the state in a positive manner, was adopted.

Freedom of Healthcare

The House of Representatives gave second-reading to [H. 3101](#), a bill that would attempt to nullify the Affordable Care Act.

Physician's Assistant Act

The House of Representatives gave third reading to [H.3618](#). This bill amends the Physician's Assistance Practice Act related to the supervisory relationship between physicians and PAs and their regulation by the Board of Medical Examiners.

Committees

Transportation Funding

The Senate Finance Transportation Funding Special Subcommittee met this week to discuss a number of infrastructure funding bills. [S. 14](#), would establish the Palmetto Highway Improvement Fund, with funding derived from state revenue surpluses. [S. 616](#), the Transportation Infrastructure Sales Tax Act, provides that a county can impose a one percent sales and use tax by ordinance for road and bridge projects. [S.210](#) would tax the sales tax from the sale or rental of a vehicle and place the revenue in the state highway fund for road maintenance.

Clemson University

The Senate Finance committee gave a favorable report Tuesday to [S. 535](#), to allow the Clemson University Board of Trustees to create the Clemson University Enterprise District, which would reduce state oversight on construction projects and land purchases. Senator Leatherman said that the bill is a pilot project that will be reviewed in four years.

Certificate of Need

The House Ways and Means Committee met Tuesday and gave a favorable as amended report to [H. 3983](#), the South Carolina Rural County Access to Emergency Health Care Act. The strike and insert amendment would provide a mechanism for RFPs to be solicited for bids to run rural health facilities.

Nursing Home Permits

The Ways and Means Committee met Wednesday and gave a favorable as amended report to [H. 3978](#) that would define Medicaid permit day, specify the manner in which additional Medicaid permit days are allocated, and establish penalties and violations.

Clean Energy Council

The House Ways and Means Committee met Wednesday and gave a favorable report to [H.3644](#) to establish a Clean Energy Industry Market Development Advisory Council within the Department of Commerce. The bill would redesignate the current Clean Energy Tax Incentive program and revise definitions to extend tax credits and decrease certain investment and job creation thresholds.

Liquor Stores

The House Judiciary General Laws Subcommittee gave a favorable report to [H.3539](#) Wednesday. This bill would delete the prohibition for liquor stores to close on election days.

Beach Renourishment

The Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Environmental committee met Thursday and carried over [H. 121](#), allowing property owners to protect their property from waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

Tax Exemptions

The House Ways and Means Committee adjourned debate on [H. 3522](#), a bill that would eliminate various tax exemptions. The Committee will continue discussing this bill in the coming weeks.

The Governor's Office



On Tuesday, Governor Nikki Haley signed [S.578](#), the bond bill that provides \$120M on infrastructure to help with Boeing's expansion. The measure moved quickly through the General Assembly over the past two weeks after Boeing announced that it planned to invest another \$1 billion and create 2,000 new jobs over eight years at their North Charleston facility.

Newly Introduced Legislation



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/TAX:

[S. 649](#) Bryant: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES AND FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS FROM OUT OF STATE TO LOCATE IN THE PALMETTO STATE. - Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

[H. 4018](#) Robinson-Simpson: SO AS TO ALLOW A FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX CREDIT TO ANY TAXPAYER THAT EMPLOYS A FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL AS A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE FOR ONE YEAR - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

[H. 4019](#) Mitchell: RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT COSTS, SO AS TO

PROVIDE PROPERTY ASSEMBLY COSTS ALSO INCLUDE THE COST OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION. - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

[H. 4029](#) Putnam: TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PURPOSES OF AD VALOREM TAXATION, THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT PAID FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE, SO LONG AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED FROM A LICENSED DEALER. - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

EDUCATION:

[H. 4039](#) Skelton: ENACTING "THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY ENTERPRISE ACT" - Referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

EMPLOYMENT:

[H. 4025](#) J. E. Smith: RELATING TO PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR DISABILITY - Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HEALTHCARE:

[H. 4009](#) Jefferson: TO CREATE THE 'FREE HEALTH CARE STUDY COMMITTEE' - Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

[H. 4024](#) K. R. Crawford: TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LICENSED MIDWIFE ACT" - Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY:

[S. 656](#) Rankin: RELATING TO FACTORS THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED WHEN DETERMINING JUST COMPENSATION IN CONDEMNATION ACTIONS REGARDING EMINENT DOMAIN - Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

REGULATION:

[S. 655](#) Campbell: RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE CHAPTER CONCERNING ENGINEERS AND SURVEYORS, TO ADD AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ENGINEERS. - Referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

In the Media



Bill would end SC's ban on seawalls (4/19/13)

Ed Yarborough's struggle to save his beach house has grown from a personal fight with the ocean to a statewide debate over the future of South Carolina's 25-year-old seawall ban. [Read more.](#)

EXCLUSIVE: Most South Carolinians favor expanding Medicaid, poll says (4/21/13)

A slim majority of South Carolinians - 50.8 percent - support expanding Medicaid, the government-run health-insurance program for the poor. [Read more.](#)

S.C. voters to decide whether to legalize raffles (4/22/13)

Voters will decide next year whether church cake walks and school raffles will finally become

legal in South Carolina. [Read more.](#)

Senate bill jeopardizes tax-free online shopping (4/22/13)

States could force Internet retailers to collect sales taxes under a bill that overwhelmingly passed a test vote in the Senate Monday. [Read more.](#)

AP News Break: Haley signs Boeing incentives bill (4/23/13)

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley on Tuesday signed legislation to provide \$120 million in incentives to the Boeing Co. for its expansion plans in the state. [Read more.](#)

SC lawmakers hope incentives will woo TV series (4/23/13)

House lawmakers on Tuesday agreed to fast-track a bill that would increase tax rebates for movies and TV shows in an attempt to woo a CBS legal drama to film in Charleston. [Read more.](#)

Senate to take up road-repair debate (4/23/13)

State senators will begin debating proposals today on how to pay for South Carolina's crumbling roads and bridges. [Read more.](#)

SC Senate passes bill to allow guns in bars and restaurants (4/23/13)

The S.C. Senate passed a bill Tuesday that would allow concealed-weapons permit holders to carry guns into bars and restaurants until midnight - a victory for Second Amendment advocates. [Read more.](#)

Help wanted: Amazon to add hundreds of Midlands area jobs (4/23/13)

Online retailer Amazon is ramping up hiring at its Cayce distribution center, saying it plans to hire hundreds of full-time workers to pick, pack and ship customer orders. [Read more.](#)

Online tax divides senators from S.C. (4/23/13)

South Carolina's Republican senators are divided over whether online retailers without a physical presence in the state should have to collect sales tax on items sold over the Internet. [Read more.](#)

Questions raised on how to fix S.C. roads (4/23/13)

State Sen. Yancey McGill doesn't think a proposal to allow counties to raise the gas tax by two cents per gallon is the solution to finding the necessary funding to fix the state's crumbling roads. [Read more.](#)

SC Senate committee approves time extension on construction of Myrtle Beach Convention Center expansion (4/23/13)

Myrtle Beach is one step closer to receiving an extra five years to complete construction on a Myrtle Beach Convention Center expansion. [Read more.](#)

Business Development Corp. receives \$6M to spur small business lending (4/23/13)

The [Business Development Corp.](#) of South Carolina, a nonbank commercial lending company created by the Legislature to provide small business loans, has received \$6 million from the [U.S. Treasury Department](#) to help create jobs and spur lending to small businesses. [Read more.](#)

SC faith groups ask lawmakers to expand Medicaid (4/23/13)

A coalition of religious leaders from South Carolina is calling on Gov. Nikki Haley and lawmakers to accept Medicaid expansion to cover the state's poorest and disadvantaged. [Read more.](#)

Senate advances a piece of ethics reform (4/24/13)

A bill heading to the Senate floor is designed to curtail candidates' ability to hide who's backing their campaigns. [Read more.](#)

Haley signs Boeing incentive measure worth \$120 million bond money (4/24/13)

Gov. Nikki Haley signed legislation Tuesday to give Boeing Co. \$120 million in bond money for its expansion plans in South Carolina, shortly before Charleston County began approvals of its own incentive package for the planemaker. [Read more.](#)

Boeing CEO explains why 787 maker is deepening its 'engagement' in N. Charleston (4/24/13)

Boeing's top executive said today the company needs multiple options "from which we can draw talent and use capital," calling that a key reason the planemaker is expanding its footprint in South Carolina. [Read more.](#)

SC ethics reform bill changes draw fire (4/25/13)

The SC General Assembly likes to regulate everything - including itself. A bill in the House of Representatives would have changed that, replacing the House and Senate ethics committees with an independent commission of regular people to look over the shoulders of the lawmakers they elected. [Read more.](#)

SC House passes Obamacare 'resistance' bill (4/25/13)

House Republicans pushed through a bill Thursday that would ban state employees from carrying out provisions of the Affordable Care Act and empower the state's attorney general to take action against violators. [Read more.](#)

'Boeing Corridor' extension could ease area traffic, spur industrial development (4/25/13)

It's part of the so-called Boeing Corridor. A new Charleston County road to the Dreamliner assembly plant near Charleston International Airport could reduce traffic on area roads and spur development. [Read more.](#)

Meetings and Events



Tuesday, April 30

- 5:00 Legislative Reception for Senator Yancey McGill - Palmetto Club
- 6:00 Legislative Softball Game, by Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC - Capital City Stadium

Wednesday, May 1

- 5:30 Reception for Minority Leader Senator Nikki Setzler - 602 Meeting Street
- 5:30 House Republican Caucus Spring Reception
- 5:30 Fundraising Reception for Representatives Allison, Brannon, Cole, Forrester, Tallon and Wood - The Palmetto Club

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