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Good morning,

The press release sent yesterday did not include the accompanying market reports. The April data is now attached.

Thanks!

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Spring season busy for real estate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (May 13, 2015) -- South Carolina REALTORS® (SCR) today released its April real estate market data revealing a busy spring for buyers and sellers.

New Listings were up three percent to 10,953 while Pending Sales increased almost four percent to 6,661. Inventory shrank by almost seven percent with 41,284 homes left to choose from for buyers.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up five percent to \$155,995 and homes sold faster with a Days on Market decrease of nine percent to 112 days - the twelfth consecutive month of year-over-year declines. Months Supply of Inventory was down 16.5 percent to seven months

"Housing fundamentals in South Carolina continue to improve, and with recent economic development announcements we expect this growth trend to continue," said SCR CEO Nick Kremydas.

With rental prices on the rise and reasonable mortgage rates, new listings are expected to increase statewide and nationally.

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SC REALTORS® MLS Statistics April 2015



Number of Residential Homes, Condos & Villas Sold

	Most Recent Month			Most Recent Quarter			Year to Date		
	4-2014	4-2015	% Change	Q4-2013	Q4-2014	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
Aiken	151	178	+17.9%	369	315	-14.6%	466	582	+24.9%
Beaufort	134	135	+0.7%	344	305	-11.3%	439	474	+8.0%
Charleston Trident	1,168	1,388	+18.8%	3,062	2,734	-10.7%	3,902	4,789	+22.2%
Cherokee County	50	40	-20.0%	65	138	+112.3%	188	152	-19.1%
Coastal Carolinas	867	924	+6.6%	2,415	2,126	-12.0%	2,993	3,319	+10.9%
Greater Columbia	778	932	+19.8%	2,060	1,834	-11.0%	2,612	3,165	+21.2%
Greater Greenville	839	926	+10.4%	2,178	1,870	-14.1%	2,709	3,253	+20.1%
Greenwood	55	80	+45.5%	143	123	-14.0%	178	235	+32.0%
Hilton Head Area	323	324	+0.3%	906	708	-21.9%	1,031	1,134	+10.0%
North Augusta	94	117	+24.5%	272	249	-8.5%	343	418	+21.9%
Pee Dee	137	148	+8.0%	394	354	-10.2%	491	563	+14.7%
Piedmont Regional	268	245	-8.6%	630	528	-16.2%	796	851	+6.9%
Southern Midlands	27	33	+22.2%	77	78	+1.3%	105	102	-2.9%
Spartanburg	329	373	+13.4%	807	749	-7.2%	1,078	1,282	+17.1%
Sumter/Clarendon County	117	94	-19.7%	268	242	-9.7%	359	359	0.0%
Western Upstate	327	362	+10.7%	761	711	-6.6%	1,038	1,233	+18.8%
State Totals*	5,498	6,112	+11.2%	14,308	12,620	-11.8%	18,118	21,164	+16.8%

Median Price of Residential Homes, Condos & Villas Sold

	Most Recent Month			Most Recent Quarter			Year to Date		
	4-2014	4-2015	% Change	Q4-2013	Q4-2014	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
Aiken	\$138,500	\$142,750	+3.1%	\$130,500	\$130,300	-0.2%	\$134,900	\$138,450	+2.6%
Beaufort	\$185,663	\$189,950	+2.2%	\$164,125	\$172,688	+5.2%	\$174,250	\$189,900	+9.0%
Charleston Trident	\$215,000	\$220,000	+2.3%	\$206,537	\$212,458	+2.9%	\$213,990	\$218,825	+1.3%
Cherokee County	\$92,750	\$83,000	-10.5%	\$73,000	\$82,247	+14.7%	\$67,950	\$78,000	+14.8%
Coastal Carolinas	\$155,000	\$155,000	0.0%	\$148,400	\$148,000	-0.3%	\$150,000	\$155,000	+3.3%
Greater Columbia	\$145,276	\$145,000	-0.2%	\$147,338	\$137,026	-7.0%	\$139,900	\$142,500	+1.9%
Greater Greenville	\$148,500	\$165,000	+11.1%	\$152,651	\$150,750	-1.2%	\$150,000	\$162,000	+8.0%
Greenwood	\$91,250	\$114,400	+25.4%	\$124,000	\$101,450	-18.2%	\$99,000	\$103,200	+4.2%
Hilton Head Area	\$273,465	\$277,450	+1.5%	\$254,950	\$240,000	-5.9%	\$247,500	\$260,000	+5.1%
North Augusta	\$134,450	\$143,450	+6.7%	\$141,900	\$125,450	-11.6%	\$128,000	\$144,000	+12.5%
Pee Dee	\$113,950	\$133,900	+17.5%	\$119,000	\$108,000	-9.2%	\$109,000	\$125,000	+14.7%
Piedmont Regional	\$144,500	\$163,000	+12.8%	\$143,450	\$132,500	-7.6%	\$135,750	\$150,000	+10.5%
Southern Midlands	\$92,500	\$69,000	-25.4%	\$84,000	\$67,900	-19.2%	\$75,000	\$79,400	+5.9%
Spartanburg	\$118,000	\$134,950	+14.4%	\$125,000	\$115,000	-8.0%	\$116,000	\$132,000	+13.8%
Sumter/Clarendon County	\$130,000	\$117,000	-10.0%	\$132,450	\$121,560	-8.3%	\$124,700	\$117,000	-6.2%
Western Upstate	\$130,450	\$138,500	+6.2%	\$137,500	\$130,000	-5.5%	\$130,000	\$140,000	+7.7%
State Totals*	\$158,000	\$166,995	+5.0%	\$158,500	\$154,000	-2.8%	\$153,000	\$163,579	+5.5%

Average Days on Market Until Sale (DOM)

	Most Recent Month			Most Recent Quarter			Year to Date		
	4-2014	4-2015	% Change	Q4-2013	Q4-2014	% Change	2014	2015	% Change
Aiken	234	196	-16.2%	189	199	+5.3%	210	186	-11.4%
Beaufort	192	165	-14.1%	173	179	+3.5%	183	175	-4.4%
Charleston Trident	91	68	-27.5%	79	84	+6.3%	86	71	-17.4%
Cherokee County	138	153	+10.9%	149	160	+7.4%	155	157	+1.3%
Coastal Carolinas	159	163	+2.5%	161	166	+3.1%	164	159	-3.0%
Greater Columbia	101	103	+2.0%	104	102	-1.9%	101	108	+6.9%
Greater Greenville	90	76	-15.6%	85	92	+8.2%	91	86	-5.5%
Greenwood	142	163	+14.8%	152	156	+2.6%	151	152	+0.7%
Hilton Head Area	103	114	+10.7%	112	111	-0.9%	109	115	+5.5%
North Augusta	207	159	-23.2%	157	178	+13.4%	186	165	-11.3%
Pee Dee	124	108	-12.9%	119	108	-9.2%	113	111	-1.8%
Piedmont Regional	153	126	-17.6%	136	143	+5.1%	146	136	-6.8%
Southern Midlands	205	227	+10.7%	221	195	-11.8%	198	234	+18.2%
Spartanburg	144	140	-2.8%	126	137	+8.7%	139	143	+2.9%
Sumter/Clarendon County	202	173	-14.4%	152	180	+18.4%	187	170	-9.1%
Western Upstate	120	115	-4.2%	104	114	+9.6%	116	115	-0.9%
State Totals*	123	112	-8.9%	118	120	+3.4%	121	115	-5.0%

Markets where DOM is computed by CLOSING DATE: Aiken, Beaufort, Charleston Trident, Cherokee County, Coastal Carolinas, Greenwood, Piedmont Regional, Spartanburg and Western Upstate

Markets where DOM is computed by CONTRACT DATE: Greater Columbia, Greater Greenville, North Augusta, Greater Pee Dee, Southern Midlands and Sumter/Clarendon County

*State Totals match the figures in the Monthly Indicator report, and are not a summation of the areas in the tables. This is done so as not to double-count any listings that may be found in more than one MLS.

Housing Supply Overview

A RESEARCH TOOL PROVIDED BY SOUTH CAROLINA REALTORS®

April 2015

As we journey into the traditional selling season, there is great evidence of bustle. Lenders and REALTORS® are working vigorously to keep up with the demand of eager buyers lining up three deep. Meanwhile, the desire for more inventory continues. For the 12-month period spanning May 2014 through April 2015, Pending Sales in the state of South Carolina were up 11.7 percent overall. The price range with the largest gain in sales was the \$200,001 to \$300,000 range, where they increased 17.4 percent.

The overall Median Sales Price was up 3.3 percent to \$165,000. The property type with the largest price gain was the Single-Family Homes segment, where prices increased 3.4 percent to \$172,990. The price range that tended to sell the quickest was the \$150,001 to \$200,000 range at 106 days; the price range that tended to sell the slowest was the \$300,001 and Above range at 122 days.

Market-wide, inventory levels were down 6.7 percent. The property type that lost the least inventory was the Single Family segment, where it decreased 5.6 percent. That amounts to 6.9 months supply for Single-Family homes and 7.9 months supply for Condos.





Quick Facts

+ 17.4%

+ 14.6%

+ 12.5%

Price Range With the
Strongest Sales:

\$200,001 to \$300,000

Bedroom Count With
Strongest Sales:

4 Bedrooms or More

Property Type With
Strongest Sales:

Single-Family

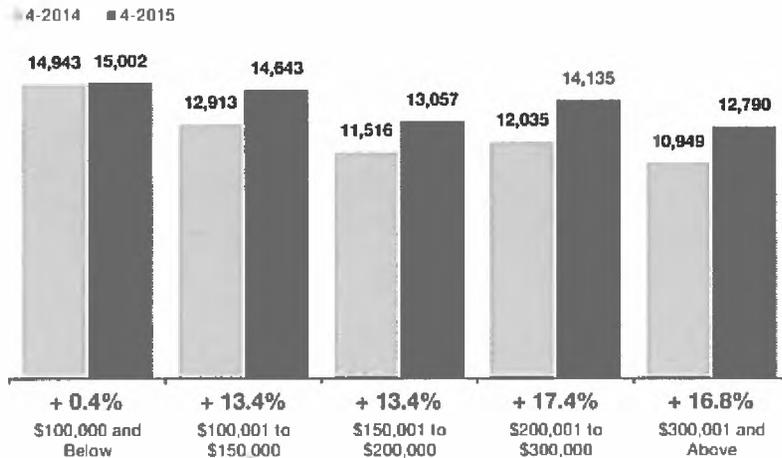
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Pending Sales

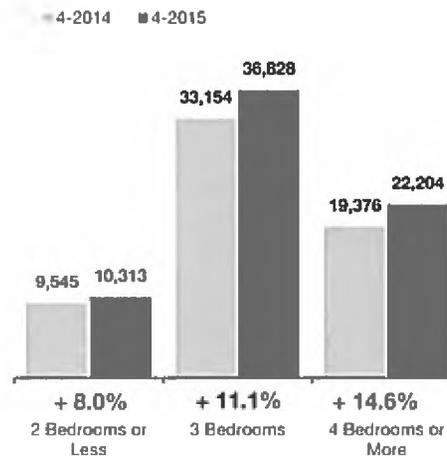
A count of properties on which offers have been accepted. Based on a rolling 12-month total.



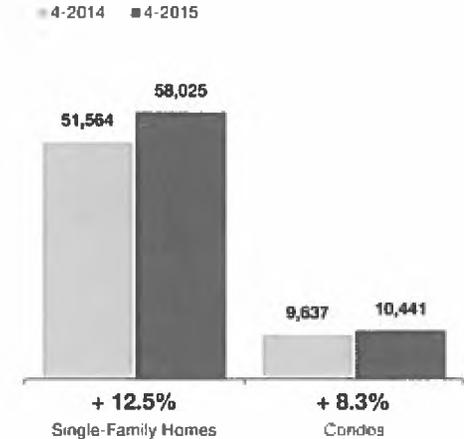
By Price Range



By Bedroom Count



By Property Type



All Properties

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	14,943	15,002	+ 0.4%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	12,913	14,643	+ 13.4%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	11,516	13,057	+ 13.4%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	12,035	14,135	+ 17.4%
\$300,001 and Above	10,949	12,790	+ 16.8%
All Price Ranges	62,356	69,627	+ 11.7%

Single-Family Homes

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	9,545	10,313	+ 8.0%
3 Bedrooms	33,154	36,828	+ 11.1%
4 Bedrooms or More	19,376	22,204	+ 14.6%
All Bedroom Counts	51,564	58,025	+ 12.5%

Condos

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
Single-Family Homes	51,564	58,025	+ 12.5%
Condos	9,637	10,441	+ 8.3%

By Bedroom Count

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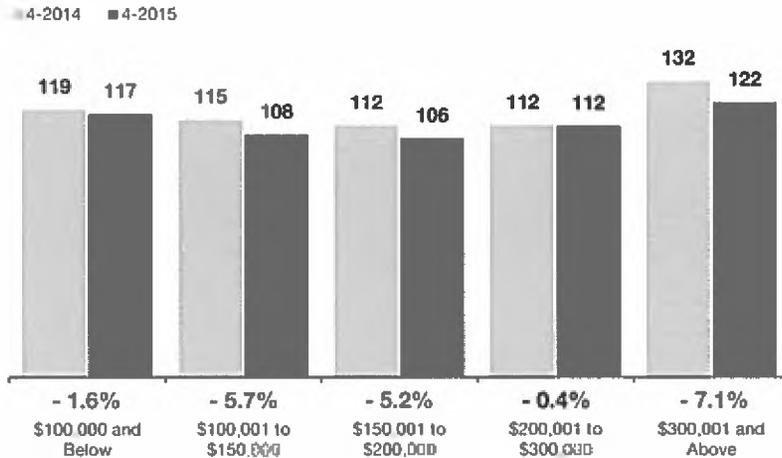
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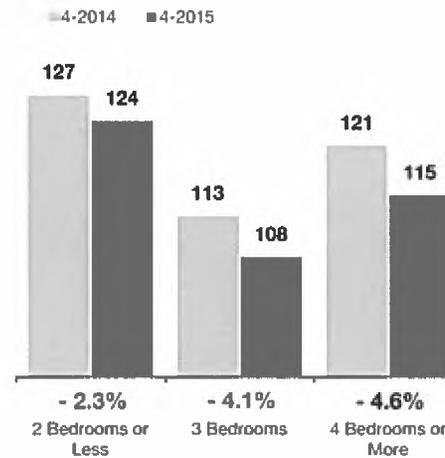
Average number of days between when a property is listed and when an offer is accepted. Based on a rolling 12-month average.



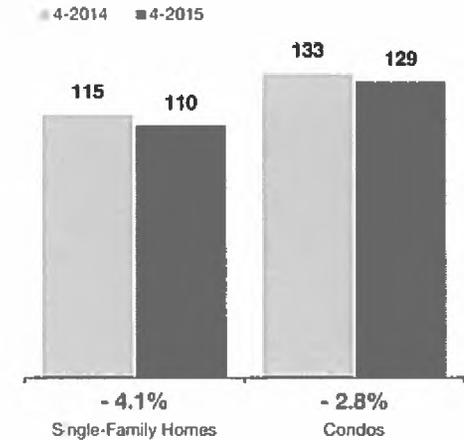
By Price Range



By Bedroom Count



By Property Type



All Properties

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	119	117	-1.6%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	115	108	-5.7%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	112	106	-5.2%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	112	112	-0.4%
\$300,001 and Above	132	122	-7.1%
All Price Ranges	118	113	-3.9%

Single-Family Homes

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	117	115	-1.3%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	111	104	-7.0%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	110	104	-5.7%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	110	109	-0.8%
\$300,001 and Above	129	121	-6.3%
All Price Ranges	115	110	-4.1%

Condos

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	132	128	-3.2%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	128	127	-1.0%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	126	125	-0.9%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	133	137	+3.2%
\$300,001 and Above	155	137	-11.6%
All Price Ranges	133	129	-2.8%

By Bedroom Count

By Bedroom Count	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	127	124	-2.3%
3 Bedrooms	113	108	-4.1%
4 Bedrooms or More	121	115	-4.6%
All Bedroom Counts	118	113	-3.9%

By Bedroom Count	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	116	115	-1.4%
3 Bedrooms	111	107	-3.9%
4 Bedrooms or More	121	115	-5.0%
All Bedroom Counts	115	110	-4.1%

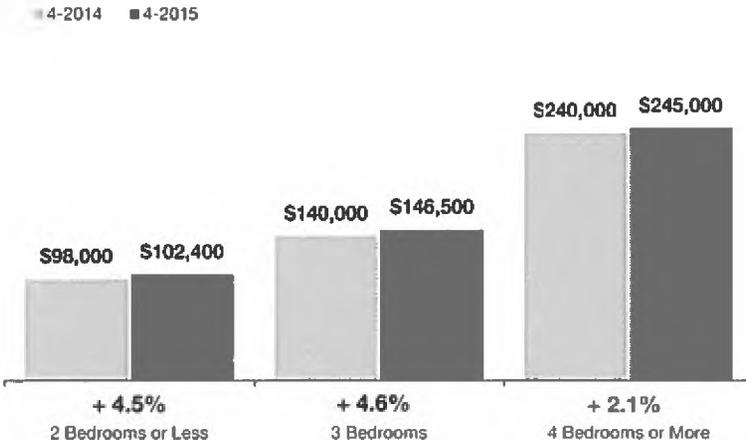
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Median Sales Price

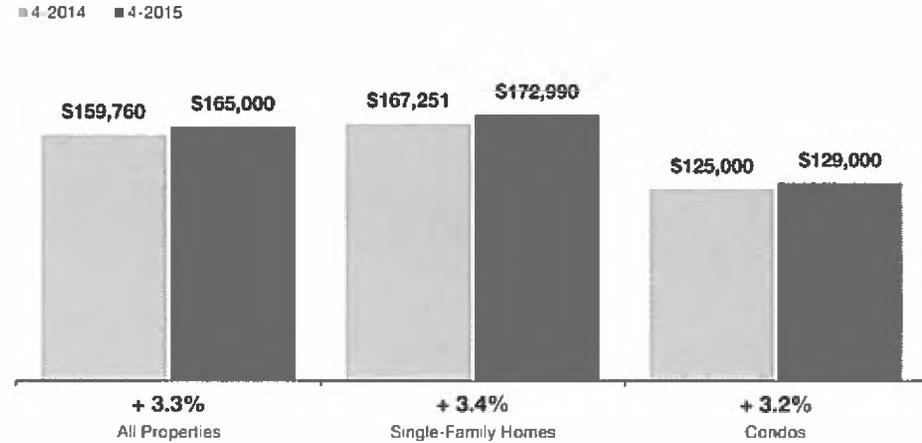
Median price point for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions. Based on a rolling 12-month median.



By Bedroom Count



By Property Type



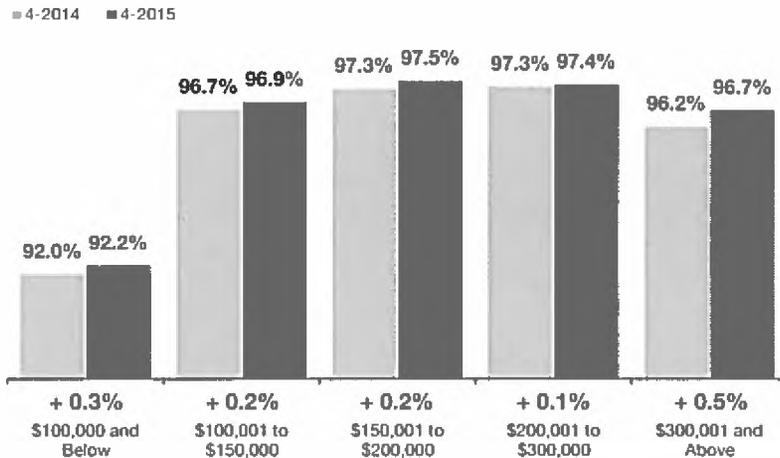
By Bedroom Count	All Properties			Single-Family Homes			Condos		
	4-2014	4-2015	Change	4-2014	4-2015	Change	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	\$98,000	\$102,400	+ 4.5%	\$89,000	\$89,900	+ 1.0%	\$105,000	\$109,000	+ 3.8%
3 Bedrooms	\$140,000	\$146,500	+ 4.6%	\$140,000	\$146,000	+ 4.3%	\$164,000	\$165,450	+ 0.9%
4 Bedrooms or More	\$240,000	\$245,000	+ 2.1%	\$240,000	\$247,000	+ 2.9%	\$267,900	\$255,500	- 4.6%
All Bedroom Counts	\$159,760	\$165,000	+ 3.3%	\$167,251	\$172,990	+ 3.4%	\$125,000	\$129,000	+ 3.2%

Percent of List Price Received

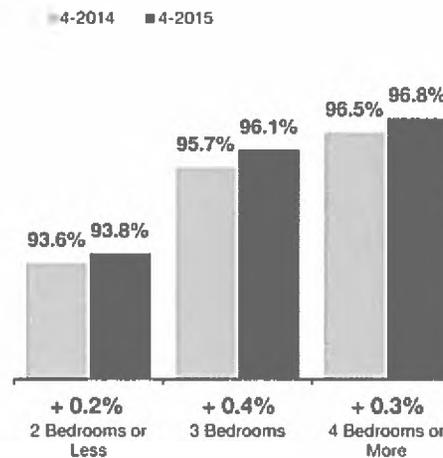
Percentage found when dividing a property's sales price by its last list price, then taking the average for all properties sold, not accounting for seller concessions. Based on a rolling 12-month average.



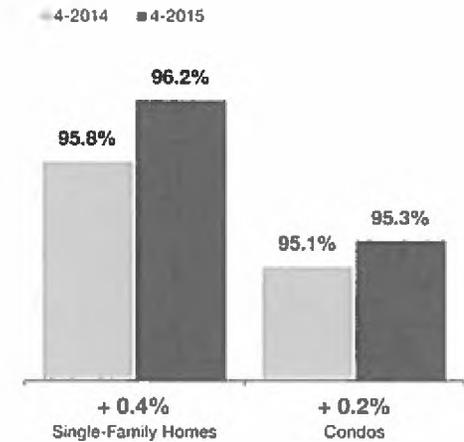
By Price Range



By Bedroom Count



By Property Type



All Properties

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	92.0%	92.2%	+ 0.3%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	96.7%	96.9%	+ 0.2%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	97.3%	97.5%	+ 0.2%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	97.3%	97.4%	+ 0.1%
\$300,001 and Above	96.2%	96.7%	+ 0.5%
All Price Ranges	95.6%	96.0%	+ 0.4%

Single-Family Homes

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	91.4%	91.9%	+ 0.4%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	96.8%	97.1%	+ 0.3%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	97.4%	97.6%	+ 0.2%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	97.5%	97.5%	+ 0.0%
\$300,001 and Above	96.3%	96.7%	+ 0.5%
All Price Ranges	95.8%	96.2%	+ 0.4%

Condos

By Price Range	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	93.6%	93.5%	- 0.0%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	96.0%	96.1%	+ 0.0%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	96.3%	96.6%	+ 0.3%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	95.8%	96.1%	+ 0.2%
\$300,001 and Above	95.8%	95.9%	+ 0.1%
All Price Ranges	95.1%	95.3%	+ 0.2%

By Bedroom Count

By Bedroom Count	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	93.6%	93.8%	+ 0.2%
3 Bedrooms	95.7%	96.1%	+ 0.4%
4 Bedrooms or More	96.5%	96.8%	+ 0.3%
All Bedroom Counts	95.6%	96.0%	+ 0.4%

Single-Family Homes

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2 Bedrooms or Less	92.2%	92.5%	+ 0.3%
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All Bedroom Counts	95.8%	96.2%	+ 0.4%

Condos

By Bedroom Count	4-2014	4-2015	Change
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3 Bedrooms	96.1%	96.3%	+ 0.2%
4 Bedrooms or More	96.3%	95.5%	- 0.9%
All Bedroom Counts	95.1%	95.3%	+ 0.2%

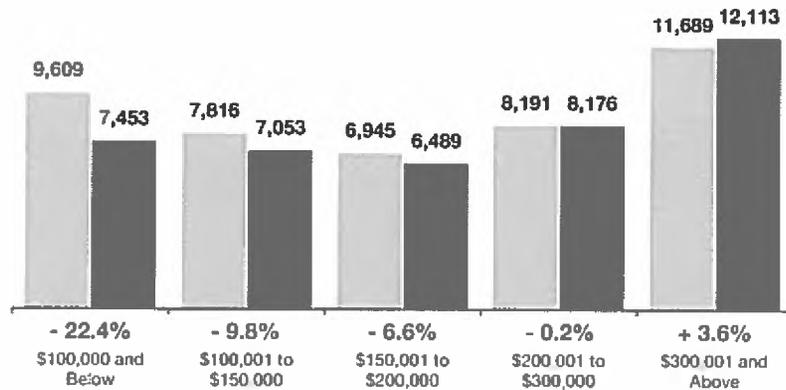
Inventory of Homes for Sale

The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of the most recent month. Based on one month of activity.



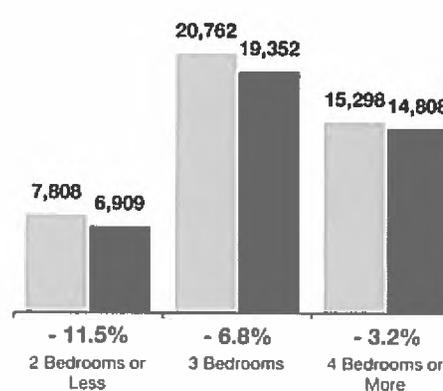
By Price Range

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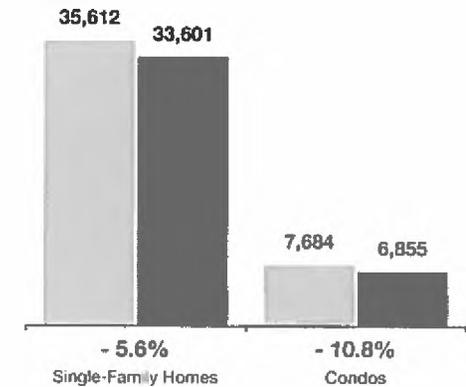
By Bedroom Count

■ 4-2014 ■ 4-2015



By Property Type

■ 4-2014 ■ 4-2015



All Properties

By Price Range

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	9,609	7,453	- 22.4%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	7,816	7,053	- 9.8%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	6,945	6,489	- 6.6%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	8,191	8,176	- 0.2%
\$300,001 and Above	11,689	12,113	+ 3.6%
All Price Ranges	44,250	41,284	- 6.7%

Single-Family Homes

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	6,768	5,271	- 22.1%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	5,893	5,202	- 11.7%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	5,795	5,405	- 6.7%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	7,000	7,049	+ 0.7%
\$300,001 and Above	10,156	10,674	+ 5.1%
All Price Ranges	35,612	33,601	- 5.6%

Condos

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	2,237	1,728	- 22.8%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	1,780	1,689	- 5.1%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	1,076	993	- 7.7%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	1,121	1,060	- 5.4%
\$300,001 and Above	1,470	1,385	- 5.8%
All Price Ranges	7,684	6,855	- 10.8%

By Bedroom Count

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	7,808	6,909	- 11.5%
3 Bedrooms	20,762	19,352	- 6.8%
4 Bedrooms or More	15,298	14,808	- 3.2%
All Bedroom Counts	44,250	41,284	- 6.7%

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	3,075	2,702	- 12.1%
3 Bedrooms	17,867	16,610	- 7.0%
4 Bedrooms or More	14,663	14,288	- 2.6%
All Bedroom Counts	35,612	33,601	- 5.6%

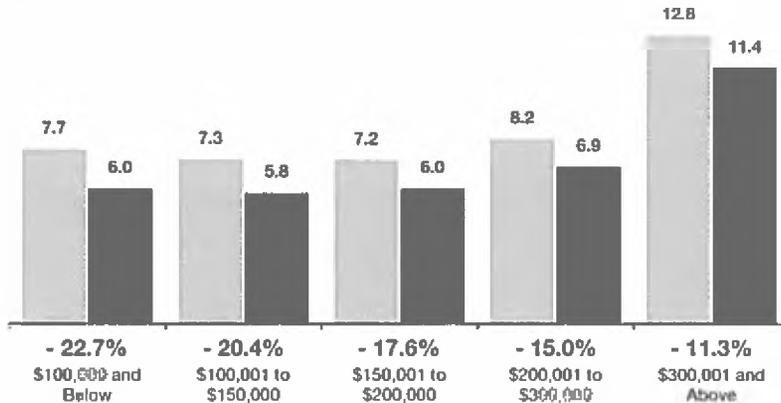
Months Supply of Inventory

The inventory of homes for sale at the end of the most recent month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months. Based on one month of activity.



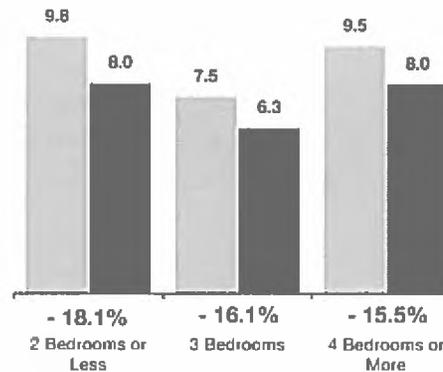
By Price Range

■ 4-2014 ■ 4-2015



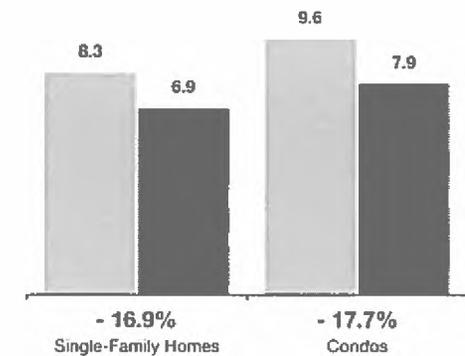
By Bedroom Count

■ 4-2014 ■ 4-2015



By Property Type

■ 4-2014 ■ 4-2015



All Properties

By Price Range

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	7.7	6.0	- 22.7%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	7.3	5.8	- 20.4%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	7.2	6.0	- 17.6%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	8.2	6.9	- 15.0%
\$300,001 and Above	12.8	11.4	- 11.3%
All Price Ranges	8.5	7.1	- 16.5%

Single-Family Homes

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	9.8	8.0	- 18.1%
3 Bedrooms	7.5	6.3	- 16.1%
4 Bedrooms or More	9.5	8.0	- 15.5%
All Bedroom Counts	8.3	6.9	- 16.9%

Condos

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
\$100,000 and Below	8.1	6.3	- 21.7%
\$100,001 to \$150,000	9.2	7.4	- 19.7%
\$150,001 to \$200,000	8.4	7.1	- 15.3%
\$200,001 to \$300,000	10.9	9.0	- 17.6%
\$300,001 and Above	14.2	12.3	- 13.6%
All Price Ranges	9.6	7.9	- 17.7%

By Bedroom Count

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	9.8	8.0	- 18.1%
3 Bedrooms	7.5	6.3	- 16.1%
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All Bedroom Counts	8.5	7.1	- 16.5%

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4 Bedrooms or More	9.4	8.0	- 15.2%
All Bedroom Counts	8.3	6.9	- 16.9%

	4-2014	4-2015	Change
2 Bedrooms or Less	10.0	8.1	- 19.1%
3 Bedrooms	8.4	7.4	- 11.8%
4 Bedrooms or More	11.1	8.4	- 25.0%
All Bedroom Counts	9.6	7.9	- 17.7%

Monthly Indicators



April 2015

As we turn the page to the second quarter of 2015, a proliferation of new listings is expected in most markets across the U.S. Spring is traditionally the commonplace time of the year that we see some of the most desirable gems polished for eager buyers. Though some Google searches and Twitter posts will blatantly offer pessimism about the state of the housing market, on-the-street evidence does not support bad tidings.

New Listings were up 3.3 percent to 10,953. Pending Sales increased 3.8 percent to 6,661. Inventory shrank 6.7 percent to 41,284 units.

Prices moved higher as Median Sales Price was up 5.0 percent to \$166,995. Days on Market decreased 8.9 percent to 112 days, the twelfth consecutive month of year-over-year declines. Months Supply of Inventory was down 16.5 percent to 7.1 months, the twelfth consecutive month of year-over-year declines.

The national homeownership percentage is the lowest since 1993, when Jurassic Park was the highest-grossing movie. Rental prices continue to astonish with accelerated price growth, which may cause some to think twice before locking in a 12-month lease. Lending practices and mortgage rates will also have a decided effect on the number of buyers who will become homeowners this year. With the release of Jurassic World this month, we are reminded of cyclical conversations in both real estate and moviemaking.

Quick Facts

+ 11.2%

+ 5.0%

- 6.7%

One-Year Change in
Closed Sales

One-Year Change in
Median Sales Price

One-Year Change in
Months Supply

A research tool provided by South Carolina REALTORS®. Percent changes are calculated using rounded figures.

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Market Overview

Key market metrics for the current month and year-to-date figures.



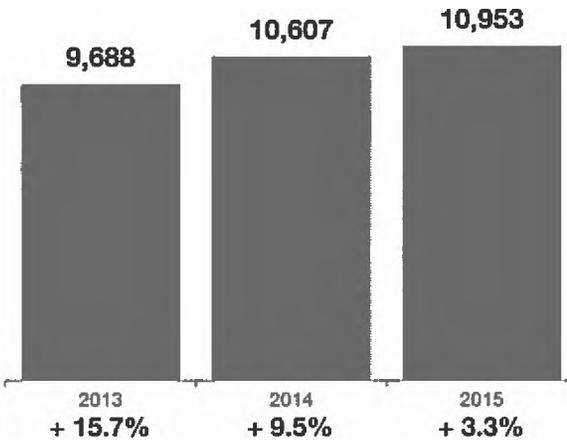
Key Metrics	Historical Sparkbars			04-2014	04-2015	Percent Change	YTD 2014	YTD 2015	Percent Change
	04-2013	04-2014	04-2015						
New Listings		10,607	10,953	+ 3.3%	38,641	40,067	+ 3.7%		
Pending Sales		6,420	6,661	+ 3.8%	22,043	25,164	+ 14.2%		
Closed Sales		5,498	6,112	+ 11.2%	18,118	21,164	+ 16.8%		
Days on Market		123	112	- 8.9%	121	115	- 5.0%		
Median Sales Price		\$159,000	\$166,995	+ 5.0%	\$155,000	\$163,579	+ 5.5%		
Average Sales Price		\$206,804	\$217,135	+ 5.0%	\$202,413	\$211,980	+ 4.7%		
Pct. of List Price Received		95.7%	96.3%	+ 0.6%	95.5%	96.0%	+ 0.5%		
Housing Affordability Index		148	150	+ 1.4%	151	153	+ 1.3%		
Inventory of Homes for Sale		44,250	41,284	- 6.7%	--	--	--		
Months Supply of Inventory		8.5	7.1	- 16.5%	--	--	--		

New Listings

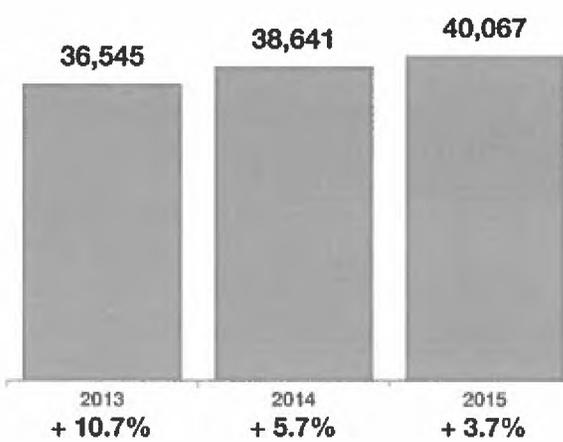
A count of the properties that have been newly listed on the market in a given month.



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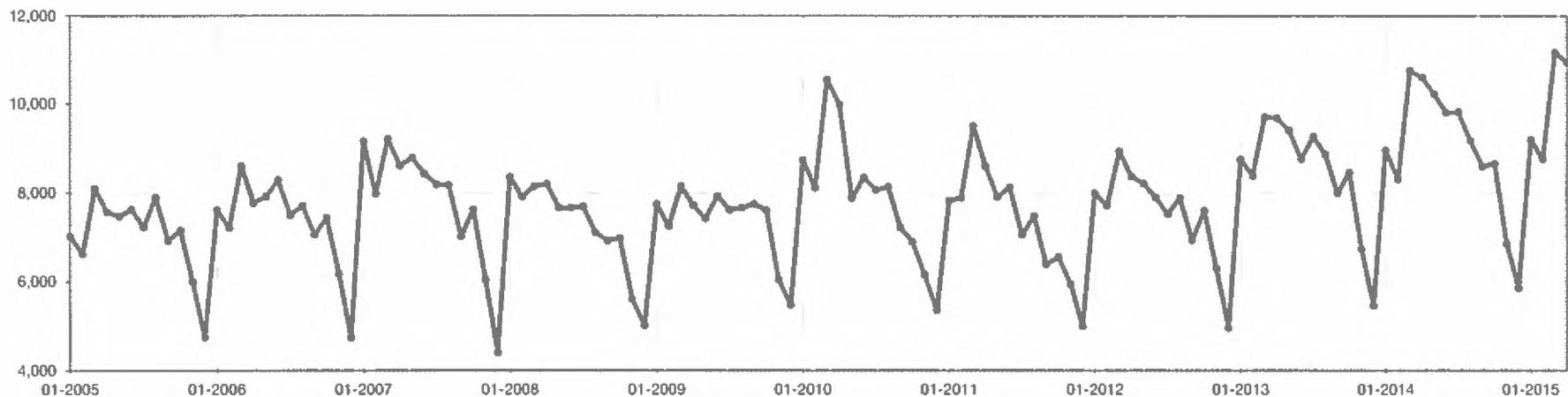


Year to Date



New Listings		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	10,222	9,409	+8.6%
June 2014	9,806	8,761	+11.9%
July 2014	9,818	9,267	+5.9%
August 2014	9,176	8,868	+3.5%
September 2014	8,604	8,004	+7.5%
October 2014	8,654	8,455	+2.4%
November 2014	6,864	6,729	+2.0%
December 2014	5,858	5,452	+7.4%
January 2015	9,191	8,957	+2.6%
February 2015	8,761	8,318	+5.3%
March 2015	11,162	10,759	+3.7%
April 2015	10,953	10,607	+3.3%
12-Month Avg	9,089	8,632	+5.3%

Historical New Listings by Month

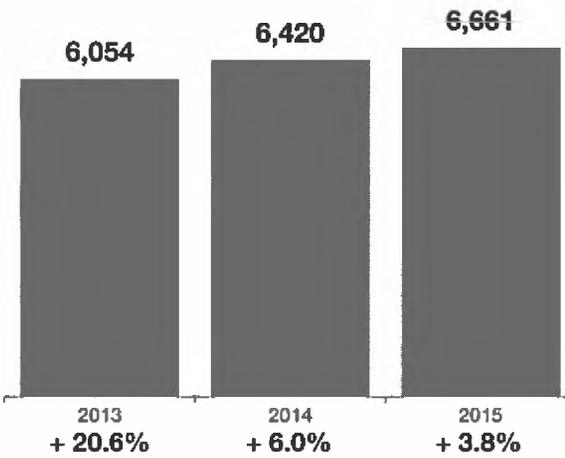


Pending Sales

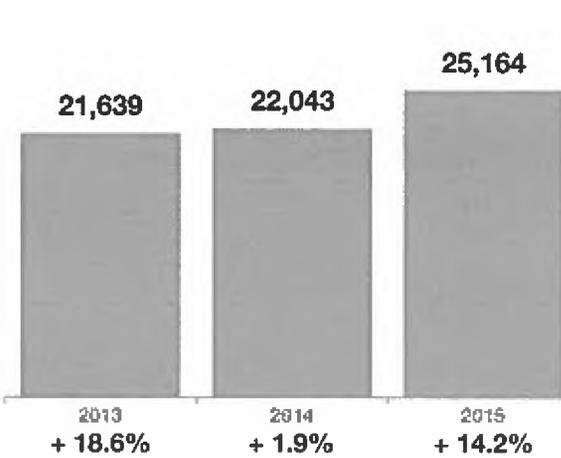
A count of the properties on which offers have been accepted in a given month.



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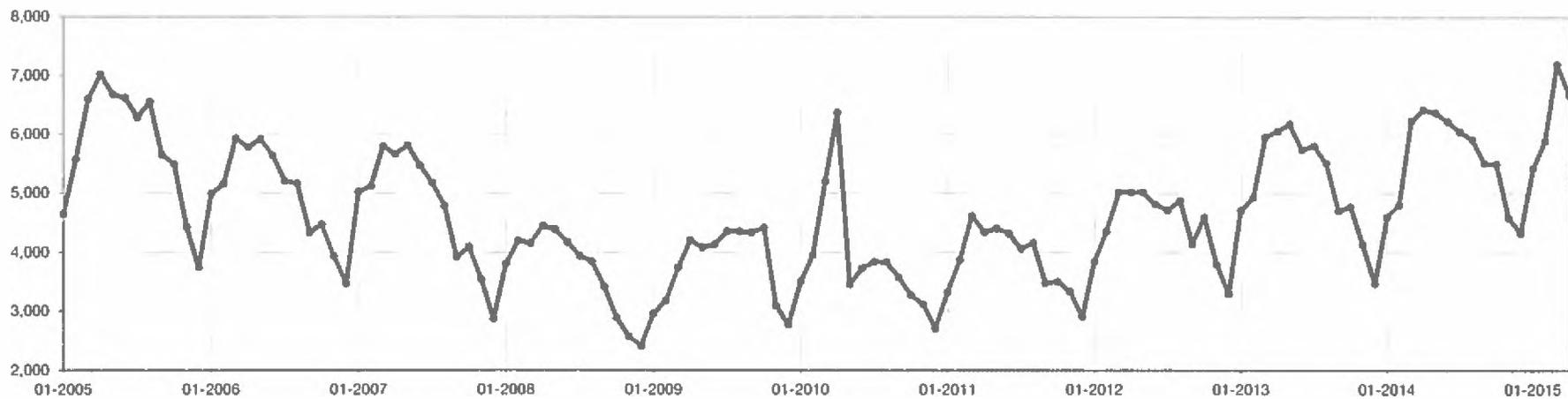


Year to Date



Pending Sales	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	6,364	6,177 +3.0%
June 2014	6,221	5,741 +8.4%
July 2014	6,046	5,801 +4.2%
August 2014	5,915	5,510 +7.4%
September 2014	5,510	4,705 +17.1%
October 2014	5,497	4,766 +15.3%
November 2014	4,584	4,140 +10.7%
December 2014	4,326	3,473 +24.6%
January 2015	5,426	4,597 +18.0%
February 2015	5,882	4,797 +22.6%
March 2015	7,195	6,229 +15.5%
April 2015	6,661	6,420 +3.8%
12-Month Avg	5,802	5,196 +11.7%

Historical Pending Sales by Month

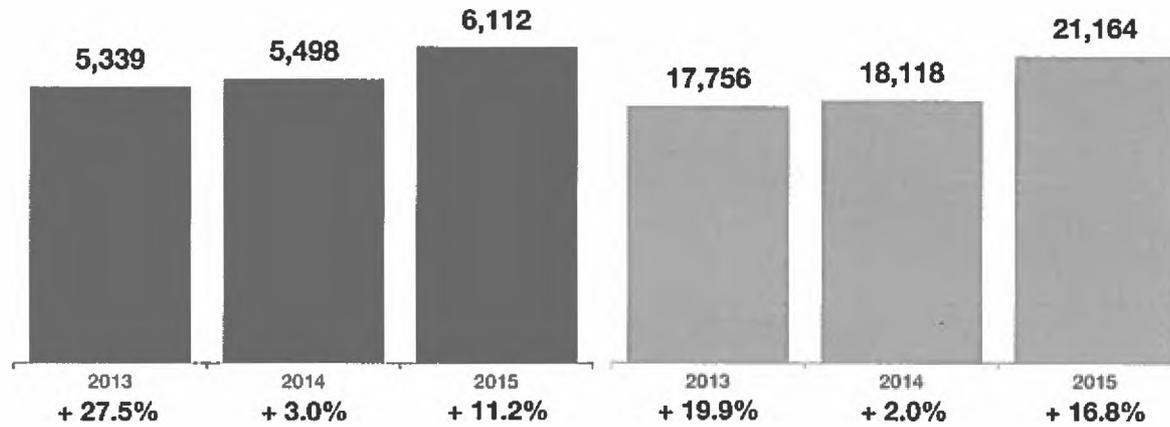


Closed Sales

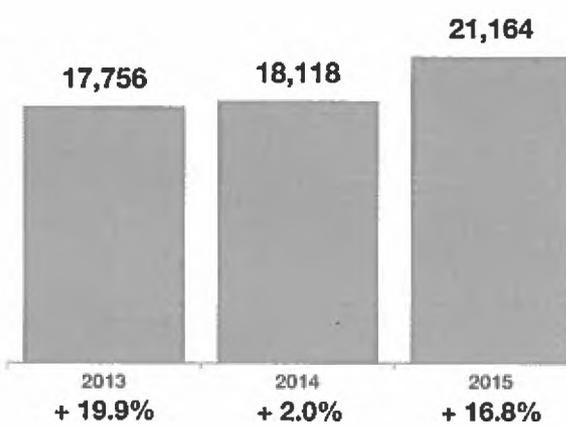
A count of the actual sales that closed in a given month.



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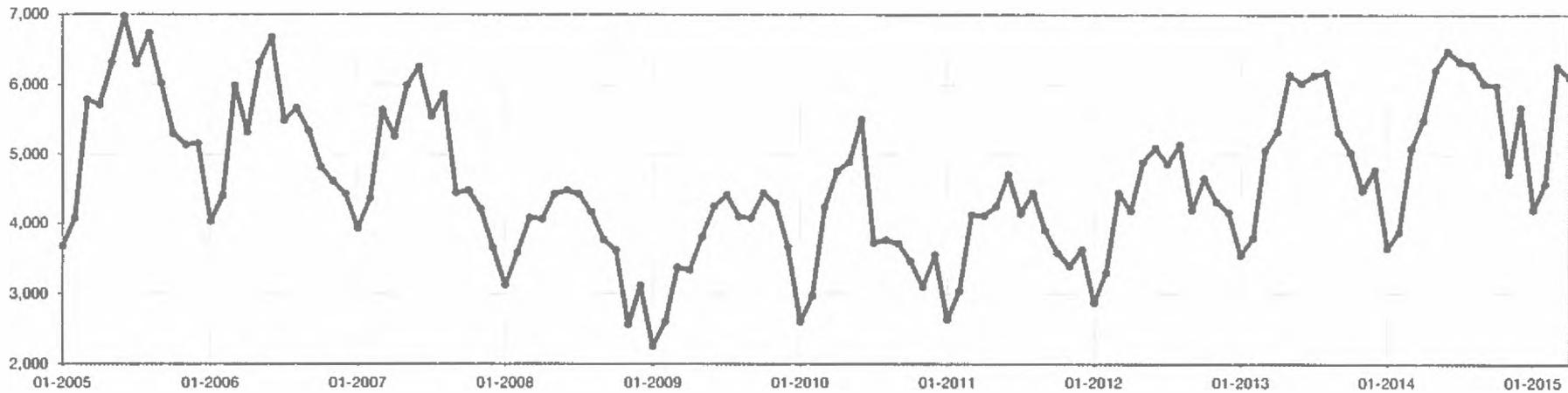


Year to Date



	Closed Sales	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	6,217	6,147	+1.1%
June 2014	6,480	6,029	+7.5%
July 2014	6,336	6,142	+3.2%
August 2014	6,287	6,181	+1.7%
September 2014	6,016	5,331	+12.8%
October 2014	5,992	5,038	+18.9%
November 2014	4,723	4,484	+5.3%
December 2014	5,676	4,784	+18.6%
January 2015	4,205	3,648	+15.3%
February 2015	4,580	3,883	+18.0%
March 2015	6,267	5,089	+23.1%
April 2015	6,112	5,498	+11.2%
12-Month Avg	5,741	5,188	+10.7%

Historical Closed Sales by Month

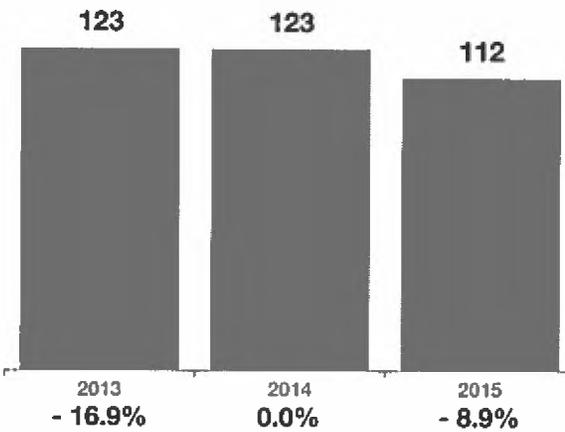


Days on Market Until Sale

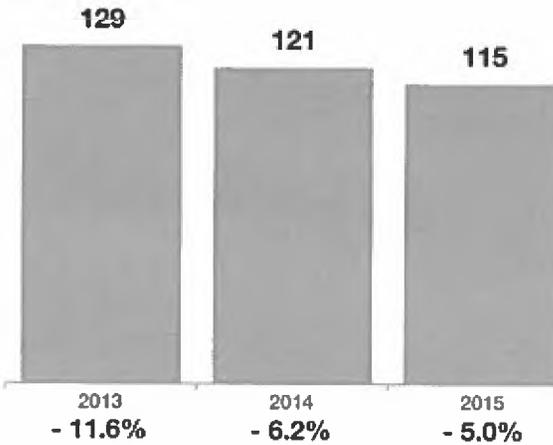
Average number of days between when a property is listed and when an offer is accepted in a given month



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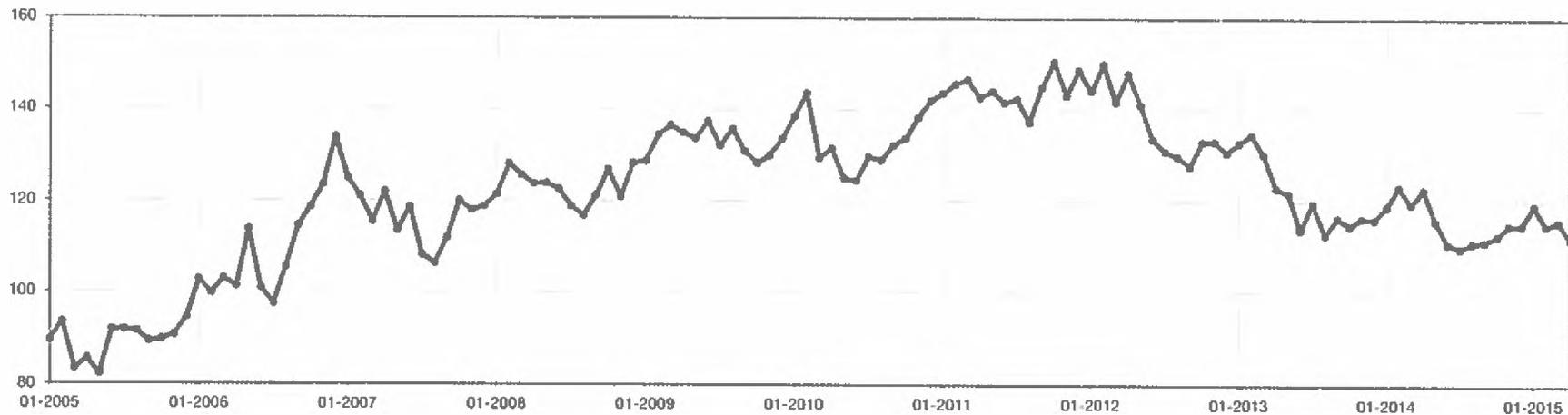
Year to Date



	Days on Market	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	116	122	-4.9%
June 2014	111	114	-2.6%
July 2014	110	120	-8.3%
August 2014	111	113	-1.8%
September 2014	111	116	-4.3%
October 2014	112	115	-2.6%
November 2014	115	116	-0.9%
December 2014	115	116	-0.9%
January 2015	119	119	0.0%
February 2015	115	123	-6.5%
March 2015	116	119	-2.5%
April 2015	112	123	-8.9%
12-Month Avg*	113	118	-4.2%

Average Days on Market of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Days on Market Until Sale by Month

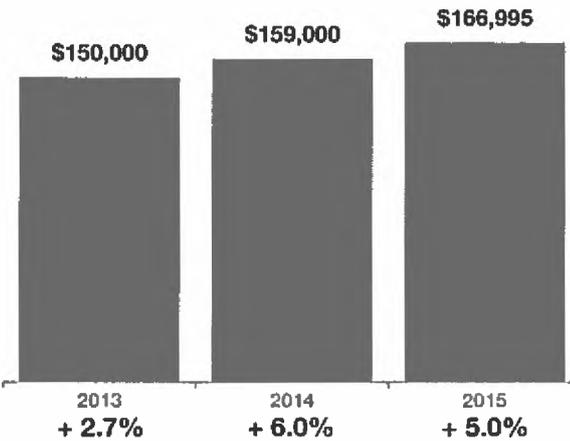


Median Sales Price

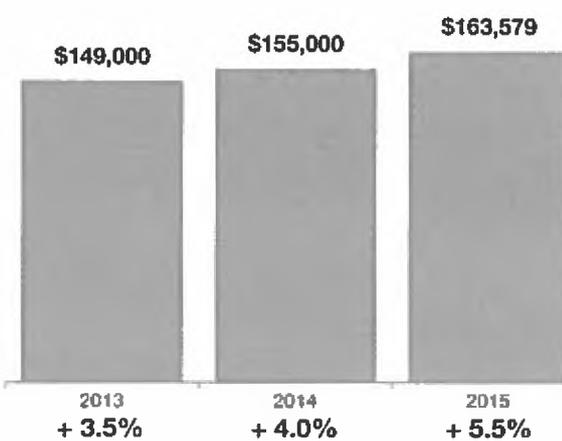
Point at which half of the sales sold for more and half sold for less, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month.



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	Median Sales Price	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	\$160,000	\$158,950	+0.7%
June 2014	\$174,000	\$163,500	+6.4%
July 2014	\$166,900	\$163,100	+2.3%
August 2014	\$165,000	\$164,500	+0.3%
September 2014	\$163,610	\$158,950	+2.9%
October 2014	\$162,000	\$154,619	+4.8%
November 2014	\$164,000	\$157,500	+4.1%
December 2014	\$164,900	\$163,000	+1.2%
January 2015	\$156,000	\$153,900	+1.4%
February 2015	\$160,000	\$151,500	+5.6%
March 2015	\$165,500	\$156,000	+6.1%
April 2015	\$166,995	\$159,000	+5.0%
12-Month Med*	\$165,000	\$159,760	+3.3%

*Median Sales Price of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the median of the individual figures above.

Historical Median Sales Price by Month

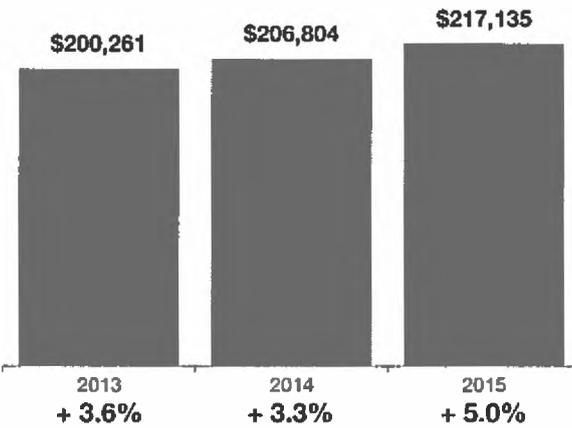


Average Sales Price

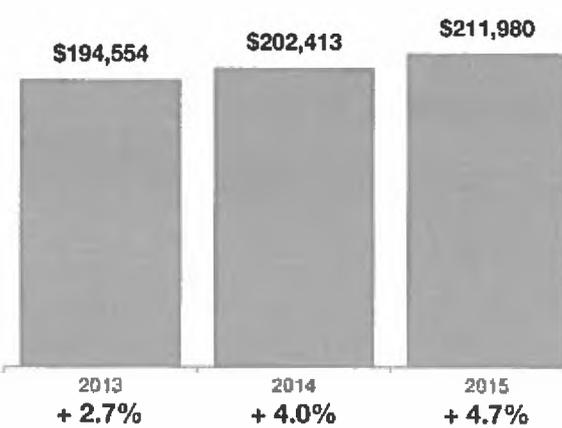
Average sales price for all closed sales, not accounting for seller concessions, in a given month



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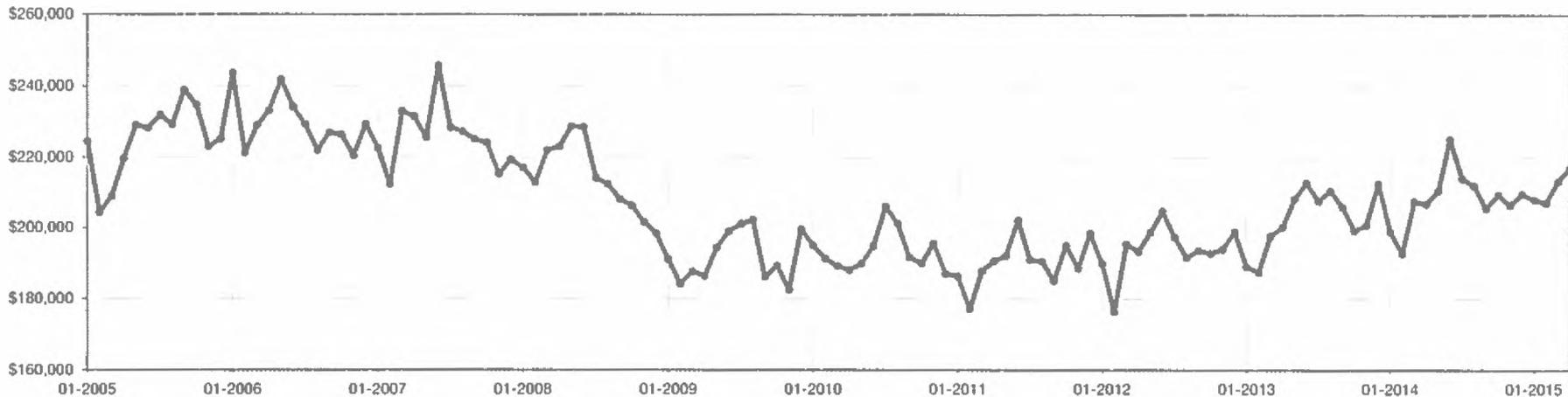
Year to Date



	Avg. Sales Price	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	\$210,448	\$208,245	+1.1%
June 2014	\$225,150	\$212,811	+5.8%
July 2014	\$214,068	\$207,615	+3.1%
August 2014	\$211,983	\$210,544	+0.7%
September 2014	\$205,485	\$205,893	-0.2%
October 2014	\$209,427	\$199,198	+5.1%
November 2014	\$206,465	\$200,938	+2.8%
December 2014	\$209,562	\$212,596	-1.4%
January 2015	\$208,008	\$199,008	+4.5%
February 2015	\$207,104	\$192,781	+7.4%
March 2015	\$213,156	\$207,462	+2.7%
April 2015	\$217,135	\$206,804	+5.0%
12-Month Avg*	\$211,499	\$205,325	+3.0%

Avg. Sales Price of all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Average Sales Price by Month

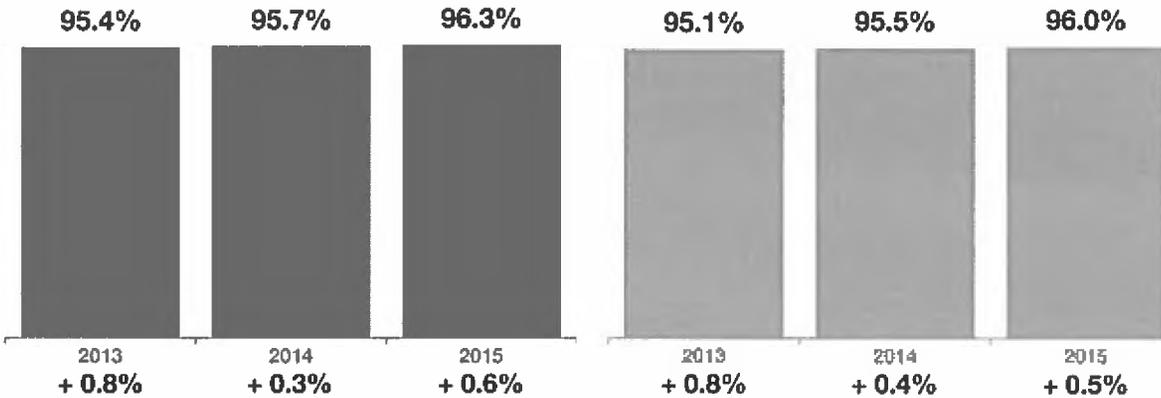


Percent of List Price Received

Percentage found when dividing a property's sales price by its most recent list price, then taking the average for all properties sold in a given month, not accounting for seller concessions.



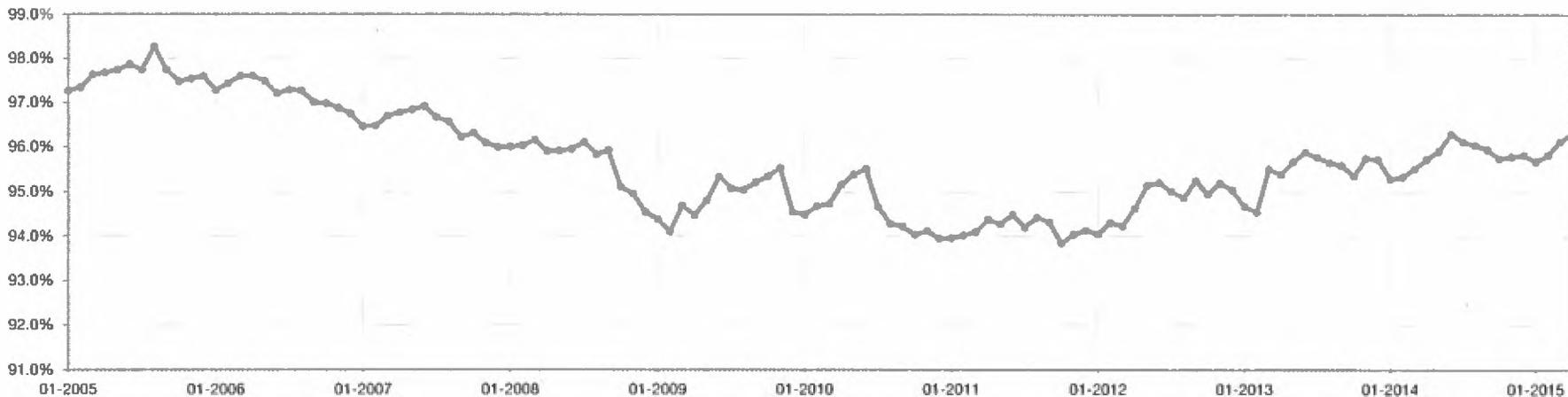
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	Pct. of List Price Received	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	95.9%	95.7%	+0.2%
June 2014	96.3%	95.9%	+0.4%
July 2014	96.1%	95.8%	+0.3%
August 2014	96.0%	95.7%	+0.3%
September 2014	95.9%	95.6%	+0.3%
October 2014	95.7%	95.4%	+0.3%
November 2014	95.8%	95.8%	0.0%
December 2014	95.8%	95.7%	+0.1%
January 2015	95.7%	95.3%	+0.4%
February 2015	95.8%	95.3%	+0.5%
March 2015	96.1%	95.5%	+0.6%
April 2015	96.3%	95.7%	+0.6%
12-Month Avg*	96.0%	95.6%	+0.4%

Average Pct. of List Price Received for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Percent of List Price Received by Month

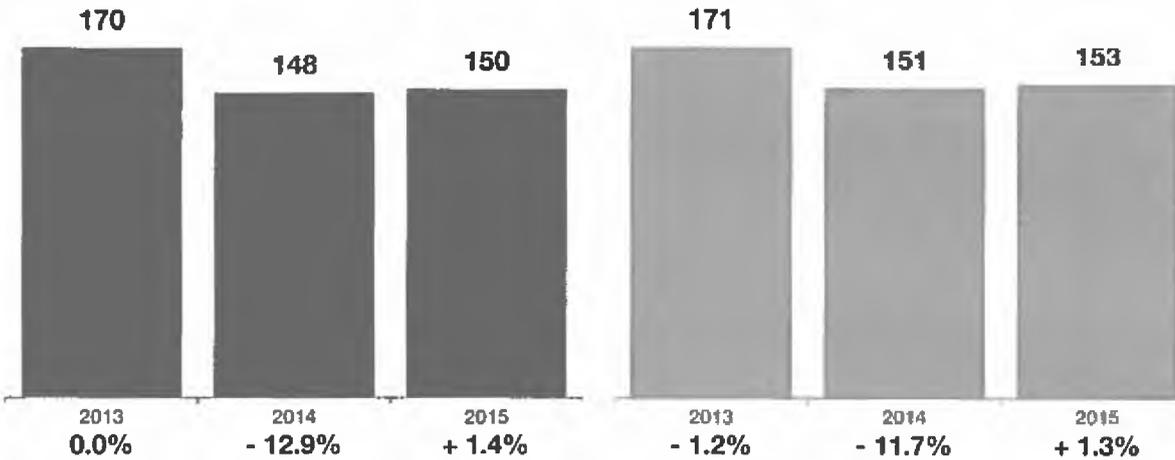


Housing Affordability Index

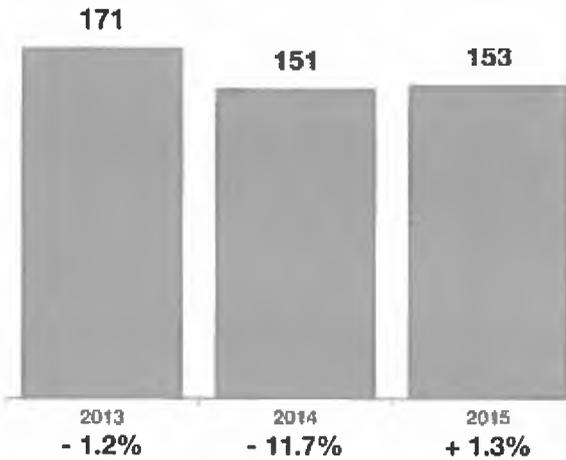
This index measures housing affordability for the region. An index of 120 means the median household income is 120% of what is necessary to qualify for the median-priced home under prevailing interest rates. A higher number means greater affordability.



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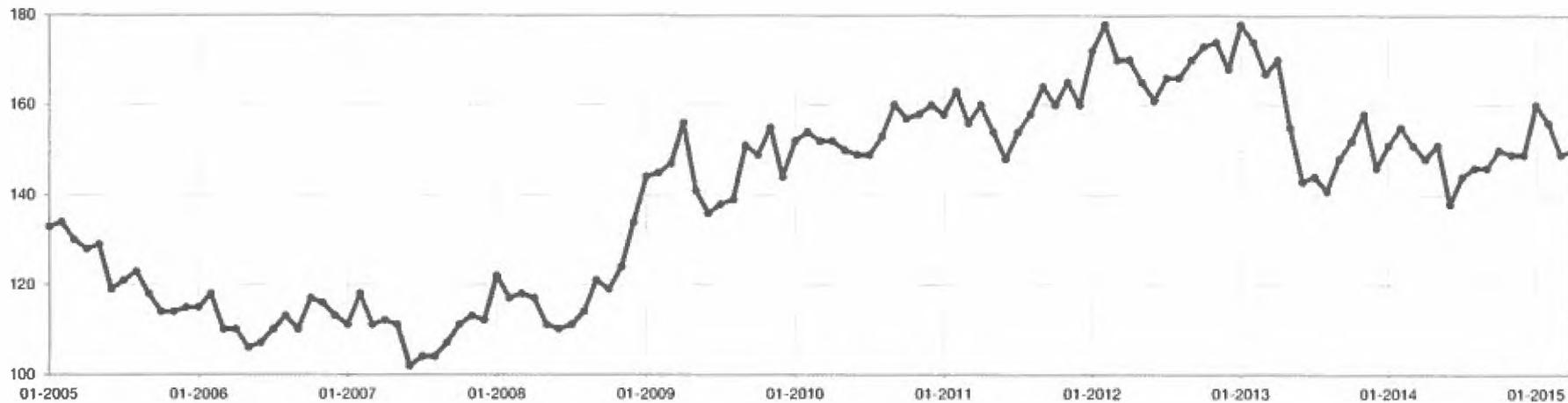


Year to Date



	Affordability Index	Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	151	155	-2.6%
June 2014	138	143	-3.5%
July 2014	144	144	0.0%
August 2014	146	141	+3.5%
September 2014	146	148	-1.4%
October 2014	150	152	-1.3%
November 2014	149	158	-5.7%
December 2014	149	146	+2.1%
January 2015	160	151	+6.0%
February 2015	156	155	+0.6%
March 2015	149	151	-1.3%
April 2015	150	148	+1.4%
12-Month Avg	149	149	-0.2%

Historical Housing Affordability Index by Month

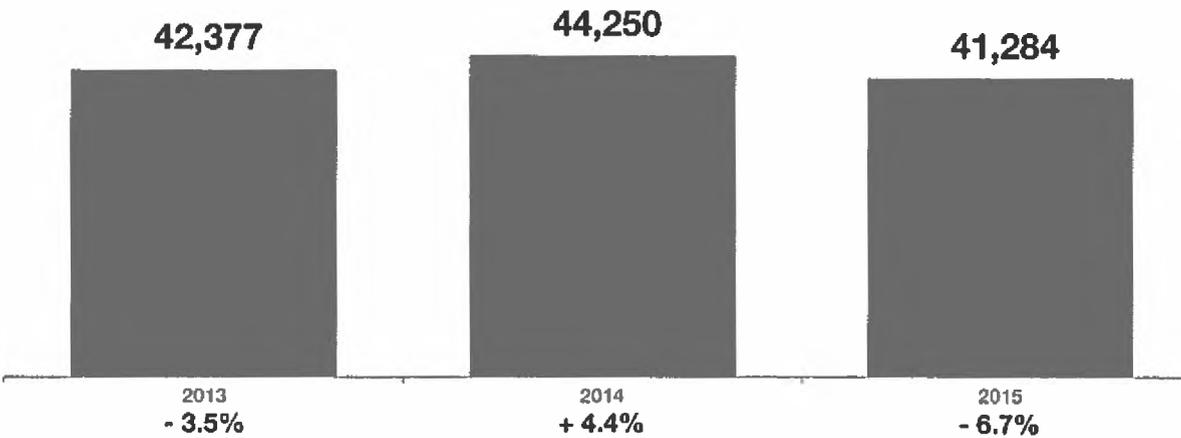


Inventory of Homes for Sale

The number of properties available for sale in active status at the end of a given month.



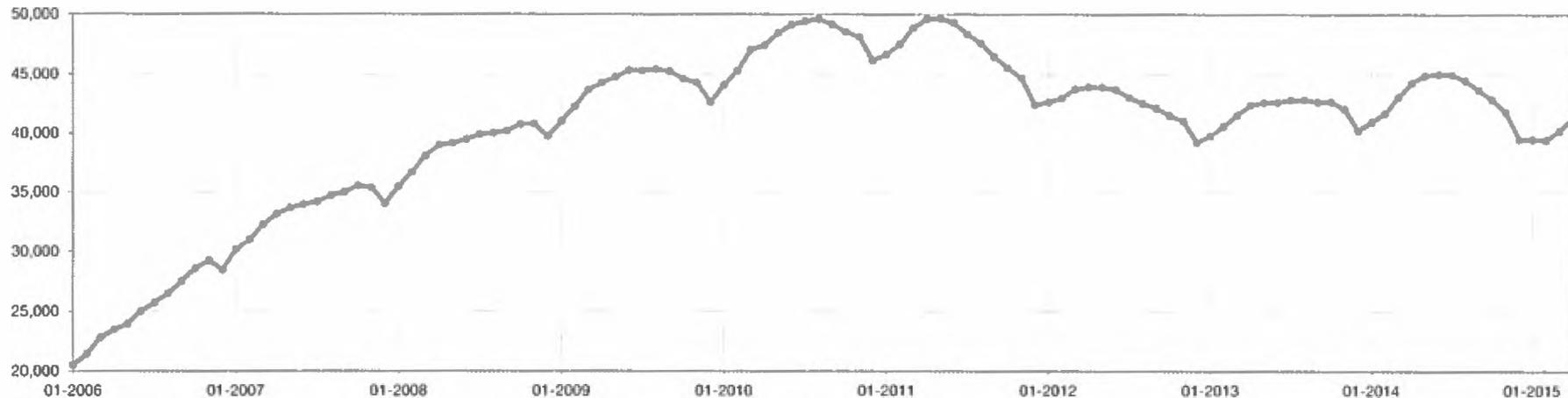
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Homes for Sale		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	44,894	42,614	+5.4%
June 2014	45,008	42,627	+5.6%
July 2014	44,948	42,795	+5.0%
August 2014	44,470	42,828	+3.8%
September 2014	43,630	42,640	+2.3%
October 2014	42,832	42,675	+0.4%
November 2014	41,799	42,050	-0.6%
December 2014	39,511	40,245	-1.8%
January 2015	39,507	40,967	-3.6%
February 2015	39,431	41,679	-5.4%
March 2015	40,216	43,042	-6.6%
April 2015	41,284	44,250	-6.7%
12-Month Avg*	42,294	43,646	-3.1%

* Homes for Sale for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Inventory of Homes for Sale by Month

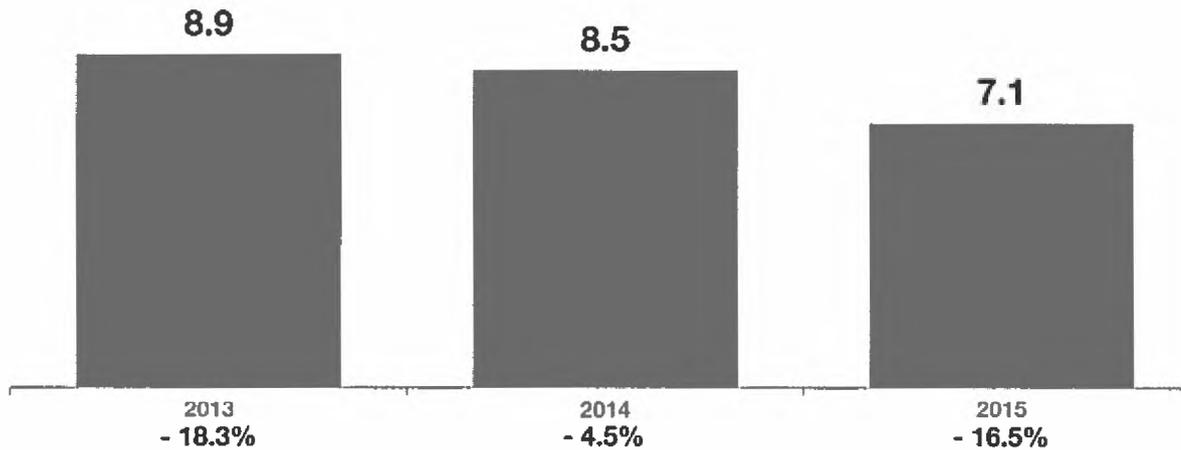


Months Supply of Inventory

The inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month, divided by the average monthly pending sales from the last 12 months.



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Months Supply		Prior Year	Percent Change
May 2014	8.6	8.8	-2.3%
June 2014	8.6	8.7	-1.1%
July 2014	8.5	8.5	0.0%
August 2014	8.4	8.5	-1.2%
September 2014	8.1	8.4	-3.6%
October 2014	7.9	8.3	-4.8%
November 2014	7.6	8.2	-7.3%
December 2014	7.1	7.8	-9.0%
January 2015	7.0	7.9	-11.4%
February 2015	6.9	8.1	-14.8%
March 2015	7.0	8.3	-15.7%
April 2015	7.1	8.5	-16.5%
12-Month Avg*	7.7	8.3	-7.2%

*Months Supply for all properties from May 2014 through April 2015. This is not the average of the individual figures above.

Historical Months Supply of Inventory by Month



Adams, Chaney

From: Godfrey, Rob
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 10:01 AM
To: Adams, Chaney
Cc: Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach
Subject: Re: SC Realtors Annual REALTOR Rally

Ok. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 17, 2015, at 9:59 AM, Adams, Chaney <ChaneyAdams@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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> These are just emails sent to us so the gov's public events are on our calendar.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Godfrey, Rob

> Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:58 AM

> Cc: Adams, Chaney; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach

> Subject: Re: SC Realtors Annual REALTOR Rally

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> Is there any action item for us on these invites?

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> I am pretty slammed this morning. Will yall make sure we are set for all of these?

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> Any outstanding issues for Bush event?

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> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Mar 17, 2015, at 9:26 AM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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>> Advance: Colin Duncan

>> (803) [REDACTED]

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>> APPROVED BY: NH on 3/5

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>> EVENT: *Hold* SC Realtors Annual REALTOR Rally

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>> DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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>> TIME: 10:15-10:45 AM

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>> LOCATION: Columbia Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, S.C.

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>> LOCATION SET-UP:

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>> ON-SITE LOCATION CONTACT:

>> Sarah Cobb

>> Convention Center Events Manager

>> scobb@columbiaconventioncenter.com<mailto:scobb@columbiaconventioncenter.com>

>> 803- [REDACTED] <tel:803- [REDACTED]>

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>> SCHEDULING CONTACT:

>> Cashion Drolet

>> cashion@screaltors.org<mailto:cashion@screaltors.org>

>> Sr. VP of Government Affairs

>> South Carolina REALTORS(r)

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>> PRIMARY STAFF: Ashton Lee

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>> ADVANCE STAFF: Zach Pippin

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>> PURPOSE: Governor Haley will address the SC Realtors Annual REALTOR Rally.

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>> PRESS: Yes.

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>> PUBLIC: Yes.

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>> INVITED BY: Cashion Drolet, Sr. VP of Government Affairs, South Carolina REALTORS(r)

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>> INTRODUCED BY: David Kent, SC REALTORS(r) President-Elect, Real Buyer's Agent (Mt. Pleasant)

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>> LENGTH OF SPEAKING: 10 mins

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>> SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

>> 10:00 am David Kent (SCR President-Elect) takes the stage for welcome and introduction of Governor Haley

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>> 10:15 am Governor Haley to speak

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>> Following Governor Haley, Adair Senn (SCR Legislative Chair) will introduce Kenny Parcell (National Association of REALTORS(r)) to discuss RPAC and the REALTOR(r) Party update.

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>> 2 speakers on the SCR issues mobilization program and its application at the state and local levels.

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>> Cashion Drolet to speak on SCR legislative agenda

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>> 11:45 am Rally attendees move over to the Statehouse

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>> 12:00 pm House and Senate convene

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>> 1:00 - 2:30 pm Luncheon on Statehouse grounds

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>> BACKGROUND:

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>> SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS:

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>> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION:

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Peters, Hal

From: Matt Niehaus <mniehaus@hbaofsc.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 1:35 PM
To: Peters, Hal
Subject: RE: Legislation inquiry

Hal,
Thank you for getting in touch with me about these bills. As always, the Home Builders Association of South Carolina deeply appreciates the Governor's support, and we would like to thank her for her signature on these vital pieces of legislation. If there is anything we can do for Governor Haley, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Matt Niehaus
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From: Peters, Hal [<mailto:HalPeters@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 11:03 AM
To: Matt Niehaus
Subject: Legislation inquiry

Dear Mr. Niehaus,

The Governor's Office has received three letters from Mark Nix with the Home Builders Association of South Carolina (2 on June 12, 2013 and 1 on June 20, 2013) concerning three separate pieces of legislation.

The following bills were signed into law:

S.348 on 6.14.13
H.3093 on 6.11.13
H.3774 on 6.20.13

If I can be of further assistance, please contact me. Thanks and have a great day.

Sincerely,

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Peters, Hal

From: Hulett, Caroline
Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2015 4:10 PM
To: Adams, Chaney; Avant, David; Blankenship, Dottie; Burroughs, Indigo; Campbell, Reba; Crosby, Shawn; Darvish, Saied; Debruhl, Benny; DeJames, Shawn; Dellene, Caroline; dpaul@scprt.com; Gaines, Brian; Godfrey, Rob; Gordon, Linda; Griffin, James; Heaitley, Amanda; Hossenloop, Betsy; Koch, Paul; Kremlick, Lindsey; Leach, Rebecca; Legare, Marcia; McNulty, Brandis; Miller, Dottie; Owens, Roger; patriciaburwell@scdps.gov; Peters, Hal; Pippin, Zach; Priester, Nicole; Smith, Andy; Smith, Matt; Spivey, David; statehouse@scprt.com; Suarez, Jose; Symmes, Brian; Temples, Jeffrey; 'West, Tarancet'; Wiggins, Nolan
Subject: State House Event: SC Realtors Association Luncheon

Good afternoon,

Event: SC Realtors Association Rally & Luncheon
Where: South Grounds/Steps
When: Tuesday, March 12, 2015 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
Who: SC Realtors Association
Contact: Sara Brown, 803-██████████ sbrown@screaltors.org
Attendance: 250 Individuals
Equipment: N/A

Thank you,

Caroline Hulett
Administrative Assistant
State House Event Coordinator
Division of General Services
The South Carolina
Department of Administration
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Note: Act 121 of 2014 (SC Restructuring Act of 2014) abolished the Budget and Control Board. Effective July 1, 2015, the Department of Administration has been established. Please update your contact information.

Peters, Hal

From: Vicki Walker <vwalker@cia-sc.com>
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HOUSE PREFILES
DECEMBER 3, 2015

H. 4382 -- Rep. Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-275 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, AND THE COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE HAS COMPLETED A VOTER REGISTRATION FORM AND RECEIVED INSTRUCTION IN A CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT OR THROUGH A METHOD APPROVED BY THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF VOTING, TO ALLOW A STUDENT TO OPT OUT OF THE PROCESS, AND TO REQUIRE A HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRANT RECEIVE A VOTER REGISTRATION CARD BEFORE THE FIRST ELECTION IN WHICH HE IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4383 -- Rep. Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-250, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ALLOWANCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY SHALL ADJUST A TAXPAYER'S TAX BILL TO AUTOMATICALLY REFLECT THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION WHEN THE TAXPAYER REACHES A CERTAIN AGE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REFUNDS FROM THE COUNTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR CLAIMING CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATIOS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OWNER-OCCUPANT OF A PROPERTY TO DISCLOSE HIS DATE OF BIRTH WHEN APPLYING FOR A CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT RATIO. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4384 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-53-360, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DISPENSING OF PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE FACSIMILE OF AN ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION FOR A SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TO SERVE AS THE ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS. Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4385 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-83 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY FROM ADOPTING A BUDGET IN WHICH THE TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUE FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR INCLUDES REVENUES ATTRIBUTABLE TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, AND TO PROHIBIT THE APPROPRIATION OF SUCH REVENUES IN THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH IT IS COLLECTED. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4386 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 8-11-55, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COMPENSATORY TIME FOR WORKING OVERTIME, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL MAY ELECT EITHER COMPENSATORY TIME OR PAYMENT AT ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE OFFICER'S REGULAR RATE OF PAY IN EXCHANGE FOR WORKING OVERTIME. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4387 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR DIVISION MAY NOT REQUIRE ITS OFFICERS TO ISSUE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OR MEET A QUOTA FOR THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS THEIR OFFICERS ISSUE

DURING A DESIGNATED PERIOD OF TIME, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR DIVISION MAY NOT COMPARE THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED BY ITS OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING AN OFFICER'S JOB PERFORMANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT "POINT OF CONTACT" MAY BE USED TO EVALUATE AN OFFICER'S PERFORMANCE, TO PROVIDE THAT AN EMPLOYEE WHO FILES A REPORT THAT ALLEGES A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS PROTECTED BY THE "WHISTLE BLOWER ACT", AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4388 -- Reps. Bernstein and M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 ENTITLED "FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS" SO AS TO REQUIRE A FOURTEEN-DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR PURCHASERS OR TRANSFEREES OF FIREARMS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4389 -- Rep. R. L. Brown: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARDS PROTECTION STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE POTENTIAL METHODS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS TO USERS OF FINANCIAL TRANSACTION CARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO DELIVER A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4390 -- Rep. R. L. Brown: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE EMPLOYER SHALL ALLOW A STATE EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THE SCHOOL OF THE EMPLOYEE'S CHILD; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3780 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN EMPLOYER WHO ALLOWS AN EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY FOR HIS CHILD; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-28-220 RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4391 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-43-305, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "TISSUE" TO INCLUDE BRAIN TISSUE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-43-350, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO AUTHORIZED RECIPIENTS OF ANATOMICAL GIFTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT GIFTS OF BRAIN TISSUE MAY BE USED ONLY FOR RESEARCH OR EDUCATION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4392 -- Reps. Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-17-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND REREGISTRATION OF LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO DESIGN, DEVELOP, AND ISSUE PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARDS FOR REGISTERED LOBBYISTS, TO DELINEATE THE REQUIRED CONTENTS OF THE LOBBYIST PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD, TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO CHARGE AND RETAIN A REASONABLE FEE, NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY DOLLARS, FOR EACH IDENTIFICATION CARD OR REPLACEMENT IDENTIFICATION CARD ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT; AND TO SPECIFY WHEN A LOBBYIST IS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY HIS LOBBYIST

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD IN A READILY VISIBLE MANNER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4393 -- Reps. Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHAPTER DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO CHANGE THE DEFINITIONS OF "BIRTHING CENTER" AND "LAY MIDWIFE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-89-60, RELATING TO REGULATION OF AND REPORTING BY BIRTHING CENTERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PHYSICIAN TO BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE CONSULTATION TO THE BIRTHING CENTER. Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4394 -- Reps. Chumley and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1539 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE APPROACHING A WRECKER OR A TOW TRUCK THAT IS DISPLAYING WARNING SIGNALS MUST PROCEED WITH CAUTION AND, IF POSSIBLE, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY BY MAKING A LANE CHANGE INTO A LANE THAT IS NOT ADJACENT TO THE WRECKER OR TOW TRUCK, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4395 -- Rep. Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "NATIONAL MOTTO DISPLAY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-144 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD SHALL DISPLAY THE NATIONAL MOTTO OF THE UNITED STATES, "IN GOD WE TRUST", IN THE LOBBY OF EACH SCHOOL BUILDING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS DISPLAY MAY TAKE THE FORM OF, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, A MOUNTED PLAQUE OR MAY INCLUDE ARTWORK AS A RESULT OF A STUDENT CONTEST THAT WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN EACH SCHOOL BUILDING. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4396 -- Reps. Clemmons, Hicks and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 49 TO TITLE 43 SO AS TO CREATE THE "REFUGEE ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY ACT", TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THE STATE OFFICE FOR REFUGEES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, AND TO ALLOW FOR A MORATORIUM ON NEW REFUGEE SETTLEMENT ACTIVITIES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4397 -- Rep. Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-245, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION ALLOWANCE INCREASE, SO AS TO RAISE THE ALLOWANCE FROM FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR TAXPAYERS SIXTY-FIVE AND OVER OR THOSE TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY DISABLED OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE EXEMPTION ALLOWED. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4398 -- Rep. Clemmons: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 15-41-30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS OR ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO EXEMPT THREE FIREARMS OF ANY VALUE AND ONE THOUSAND ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FOR EACH FIREARM OWNED BY THE DEBTOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4399 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 ENTITLED "FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS" SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED AND DELIVERY OF A FIREARM TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF ALL REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE KNOWN AND THE PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM DELIVERY OF THE FIREARM. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4400 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 5.3G., RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND SECTION-BY-SECTION ROLL CALL VOTING REQUIREMENTS, AND RULE 10.3, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "VETO" AND THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE REQUIREMENT TO OVERRIDE A VETO, BOTH SO AS TO ALLOW CUMULATIVE VOTING FOR A SET NUMBER OF SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATIONS BILL, AND RELATED VETOS, RESPECTIVELY, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CUMULATIVE VOTING UNDER THESE LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES. Referred to Committee on Rules

H. 4401 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-125, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MATTERS WHEN A RECORDED ROLL CALL VOTE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS REQUIRED, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR CUMULATIVE ROLL CALL VOTING ON SECTIONS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE RULES OF THE SENATE OR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4402 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-11-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO METHODS OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE MUST BE NOMINATED IN THE PARTISAN PRIMARY PRECEDING THE PARTISAN ELECTION IN WHICH THE CANDIDATES' NAMES WILL BE LISTED ON THE BALLOT; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-10, RELATING TO THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE FAMILY COURT JUDGES AMONG THOSE WHO MUST BE ELECTED AT THE TIME OF THE GENERAL ELECTION; TO AMEND SECTION 7-13-15, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DATE OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THOSE OFFICES WHOSE CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED IN THE POLITICAL PRIMARIES THAT ARE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN JUNE OF EACH GENERAL ELECTION YEAR; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-100, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTIVE OFFICE"; TO AMEND SECTION 8-13-1300, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE CAMPAIGN PRACTICES PROVISIONS OF THE ETHICS, GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY, AND CAMPAIGN REFORM ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFICE OF FAMILY COURT JUDGE WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ELECTIVE OFFICE"; TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-30, RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION AND TERMS OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FAMILY COURT JUDGES MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED FROM THE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF EACH CIRCUIT FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS IN A PARTISAN ELECTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT VACANCIES MUST BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE

THAT THE AT-LARGE FAMILY COURT JUDGES WHO ARE ELECTED WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR COUNTY OR CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE IN A PARTISAN ELECTION FOR FOUR-YEAR TERMS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4403 -- Rep. Corley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT A STATEWIDE ADVISORY REFERENDUM MUST BE CONDUCTED BY THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AT THE SAME TIME AS THE 2016 GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SOUTH CAROLINA INFANTRY BATTLE FLAG OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA SHOULD BE FLOWN AT ITS FORMER LOCATION IN 2015 ADJACENT TO THE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER MONUMENT ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX TOGETHER WITH THE SAME TYPE OF FLAGPOLE AND FENCING AS FORMERLY EXISTED RATHER THAN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION IN THE CONFEDERATE RELIC ROOM.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4404 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-19-70, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FAMILY MEMBERS OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS CONNECTED TO ANY OF THESE FROM ELECTION TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4405 -- Rep. Corley: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 10.14 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE HONESTY, OPENNESS, AND RESPONSIBILITY IN NOTIFICATION OF EXTRACTION RULE SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DOCUMENTATION FROM A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THE MEMBER'S DESCENT OR LINEAGE IS CLAIMED IN ADDRESSING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Referred to Committee on Rules

H. 4406 -- Rep. Corley: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COURT MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE IN A PARTISAN ELECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SUPREME COURT JUSTICE; TO AMEND SECTION 8, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED FROM THE STATE AT LARGE BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE IN A PARTISAN ELECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COURT OF APPEALS; TO AMEND SECTION 13, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, RELATING TO JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES MUST BE POPULARLY ELECTED EITHER FROM THE STATE AT LARGE IN A PARTISAN ELECTION WHEN RESIDENCE IN A PARTICULAR COUNTY OR CIRCUIT IS NOT A QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE, OR FROM THE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS DIVIDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF EACH CIRCUIT IN A PARTISAN ELECTION, AND TO ESTABLISH QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE; TO AMEND SECTION 18, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, RELATING TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE SUPREME COURT, COURT OF APPEALS AND CIRCUIT COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL VACANCIES MUST BE FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, FOR THE

UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE PREDECESSOR; AND TO DELETE SECTION 27, ARTICLE V OF THE CONSTITUTION RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4407 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY HOME SCHOOL, CHARTER SCHOOL, AND GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL STUDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS IF THE PRIVATE SCHOOL THEY ATTEND DOES NOT OFFER THE SAME ACTIVITY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4408 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-9-150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE MAY NOT USE FUNDS TO ASSIST THE UNITED STATES REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4409 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANAGE THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP), TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONAL TERMS, TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR RECEIPT OF SNAP BENEFITS, TO LIMIT RECEIPT OF SNAP BENEFITS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWDS) TO THREE MONTHS IN A THIRTY-SIX MONTH PERIOD, WITH EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE ABAWDS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4410 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANAGE THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE SNAP PROGRAM THAT PROMOTE NUTRITIOUS DIETS, INCLUDING WAIVERS TO RESTRICT ALLOWABLE FOOD CHOICES. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4411 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANAGE THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS PURCHASING FOOD OR DRINK ITEMS WITH SNAP BENEFITS TO PURCHASE STORE BRAND FOOD OR DRINK ITEMS WHEN AVAILABLE. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4412 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 43-5-1187 AND ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS FOR BENEFITS UNDER TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) TO UNDERGO A DRUG TEST AS A CONDITION OF ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO TESTS POSITIVE FOR A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THOSE BENEFITS

FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME, UNLESS THE PERSON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM; AND TO AMEND SECTION 43-5-1110, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY INDEPENDENCE ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE "TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES" IN THE DEFINITION OF "FAMILY INDEPENDENCE". Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4413 -- Reps. H. A. Crawford and Norrell: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LOCATIONS AT WHICH A PERSON MAY LEAVE AN INFANT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WITHOUT CRIMINAL PENALTY, SO AS TO REQUIRE SAFE HAVENS TO POST A NOTICE STATING THAT THE LOCATION IS A SAFE HAVEN, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PREPARE THE NOTICE FOR USE BY SAFE HAVENS, TO ALLOW THE PLACEMENT OF AN INFANT NOT MORE THAN ONE YEAR OLD AT A SAFE HAVEN, AND TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "INFANT". Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4414 -- Rep. Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-7-15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY NOTICE OF A POLLING PLACE CHANGE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITY CHARGED WITH CONDUCTING ELECTIONS TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF A POLLING PLACE CHANGE AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST ELECTION HELD AFTER THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE ON THE ENTITY'S INTERNET WEBSITE, IF THE ENTITY MAINTAINS A SITE, AND IN A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION IN THE COUNTY, AND TO MAIL NOTICE OF THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE FIRST ELECTION HELD AFTER THE POLLING PLACE CHANGE TO ALL AFFECTED HOUSEHOLDS WITH AT LEAST ONE REGISTERED VOTER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4415 -- Rep. Duckworth: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS AND SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS GLOSSY YELLOW"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-67-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF PAINTING REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES TO PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PRIVATE SCHOOL BUSES NOT COMPLYING WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS MAY NOT BE PAINTED THE COLOR "NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS GLOSSY YELLOW". Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4416 -- Reps. Felder and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-1-970, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTIONS FROM IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO ADD EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4417 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SEPTIMA P. CLARK PARKWAY AND COMING STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4418 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A STUDY COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE COSTS, FUNDING, FEASIBILITY, AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH ERECTING A PERMANENT MONUMENT AT A SUITABLE LOCATION AT OR IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF MARION SQUARE IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO HONOR THE NINE MEMBERS OF MOTHER EMANUEL AME CHURCH

WHOSE LIVES WERE TRAGICALLY CUT SHORT ON JUNE 17, 2015; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP, DURATION, AND STAFFING. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4419 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY SOLICIT, PERSUADE, ENCOURAGE, OR ENTICE A LICENSED DEALER OR PRIVATE SELLER OF FIREARMS IN VIOLATION OF STATE LAW, OR KNOWINGLY PROVIDE THAT PERSON WITH MATERIALLY FALSE INFORMATION TO DECEIVE HIM ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF A TRANSFER OF A FIREARM, OR WILFULLY PROCURE ANOTHER PERSON TO ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES ARE GUILTY OF A FELONY, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS THAT RELATE TO THESE OFFENSES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4420 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-1-240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS THE "WALTER L. SCOTT BODY CAMERA LAW". Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4421 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1065 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE, AN UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE, OR A REMOTELY PILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE IN AN ILLEGAL AIRSPACE; TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF THESE VEHICLES MUST REGISTER THEM WITH THE AERONAUTICS COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4422 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4415 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY PHOTOGRAPH A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT HAS A DEFECT THAT VIOLATES THE STATE'S LAWS, INFORM ITS OWNER THAT HE HAS THIRTY DAYS TO CORRECT THE DEFECT, AND FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE AGENCY THAT THE DEFECT HAS BEEN CORRECTED SHALL RESULT IN HIM BEING CHARGED WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4423 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 55-3-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE POINTING, AIMING, OR DISCHARGE OF A LASER DEVICE AT AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4424 -- Rep. Corley: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CLASSIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT RATIOS OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROLL-BACK TAXES. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4425 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1065 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE THAT IS ARMED WITH A WEAPON, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4426 -- Rep. Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF DRONES AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME FIGHTING TOOL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND STAFFING OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S TERMINATION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4427 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN DRIVERS AND OCCUPANTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES BEING OPERATED ON THE PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE MUST WEAR A FASTENED SAFETY BELT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO THE DRIVER AND OCCUPANTS OF SCHOOL, CHURCH, AND DAY CARE BUSES. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4428 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS A CANDIDATE TO BECOME A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN THIS STATE MUST UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION BEFORE HE MAY RECEIVE HIS CERTIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT ALL CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE RECERTIFIED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4429 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 37-5-112, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A CREDITOR'S RIGHT TO TAKE POSSESSION UPON DEFAULT BY A CONSUMER, SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A CREDITOR ONLY MAY TAKE POSSESSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS AND TO DEFINE DAYLIGHT HOURS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4430 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 1 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 52 SO AS TO REQUIRE MOTION PICTURE THEATERS, SPORTING ARENAS, AND CONCERT VENUES TO INSTALL AND OPERATE METAL DETECTORS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4431 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON OR ENTITY WHO MANUFACTURES IMITATION FIREARMS IN THIS STATE ONLY MAY MANUFACTURE IMITATION FIREARMS THAT ARE TRANSLUCENT OR PAINTED WITH BRIGHT COLORS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4432 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-380 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS, CROSSING GUARDS, AND RESOURCE OFFICERS MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH BODY-WORN CAMERAS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4433 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-85 SO AS TO REQUIRE ANNUAL INSTRUCTION IN SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES FIVE THROUGH TWELVE, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE RELATED GOALS, TO PROVIDE ALTERNATE

STUDIES FOR SCHOOLS LACKING ACCESS TO A POOL WITHIN TEN MILES OF THE SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDE FOR STUDENT WAIVERS FROM THE SWIMMING LESSONS COMPONENT OF THIS INSTRUCTION IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4434 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-110, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF CORONERS OR DEPUTY CORONERS TO CARRY PISTOLS OR OTHER HANDGUNS WHILE ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL DUTIES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CORONERS OR DEPUTY CORONERS FROM CARRYING PISTOLS OR OTHER HANDGUNS WHILE ENGAGED IN OFFICIAL DUTIES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4435 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INSTRUCTION ACT OF 2016" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR, EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE ELECTIVE INSTRUCTION IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH TWELVE, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4436 -- Rep. Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL CHURCHES AND OTHER HOUSES OF WORSHIP IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND PUBLIC SAFETY BY EMPLOYING COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES, PARTICULARLY THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS. Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 4437 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-75, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINERS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4438 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL USE AT LEAST ONE CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER THROUGHOUT ALL INTERCOLLEGIATE FOOTBALL GAMES IN WHICH THE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES WITHIN THE STATE OR OUTSIDE OF THE STATE, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4439 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN A PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-11-510 AND 16-11-520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO MALICIOUSLY INJURE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN THAT PERSON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4440 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN

OFFENSES INVOLVING WEAPONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION AND CREATE A TWO-TIERED PENALTY SCHEME; TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-210, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARTICLE, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "ASSAULT WEAPON"; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-23-220, 16-23-230, AND 16-23-240, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION; STORING, KEEPING, OR POSSESSING; AND SALE, RENTAL, OR GIVING AWAY OF MACHINE GUNS, MILITARY FIREARMS, SAWED-OFF SHOTGUNS OR RIFLES, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO INCLUDE ASSAULT WEAPONS IN THE LIST OF WEAPONS BANNED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATUTES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4441 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN AND THE UNLAWFUL SALE OR DELIVERY OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO CREATE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4442 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-935 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4443 -- Rep. Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JUNE 17, 2016, AS MOTHER EMANUEL NINE DAY AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL STATE AGENCIES TO REFLECT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPROVING RACE RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY FOR MINORITIES AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN SOUTH CAROLINA. Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 4444 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING HANDGUNS, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE PENALTY FOR THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN AND TO PROVIDE A TIERED PENALTY STRUCTURE FOR THE OFFENSE; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 ENTITLED "FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS" SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND TO REQUIRE A TEN-DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR PURCHASERS OR TRANSFEREES OF FIREARMS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4445 -- Rep. Gilliard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PLAN BY WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MUST ALLOCATE ANY AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED FOR EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES SO THAT STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE A TEN PERCENT EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4446 -- Rep. Hamilton: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1-25 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR PROTECTION ACT"; TO PROVIDE THAT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, AN ORGANIZATION SUPERVISED BY A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION OR A MINISTER OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE CLERGY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IF IT WOULD CAUSE THE ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL TO VIOLATE A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT A REFUSAL TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IS NOT A

BASIS FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION BY THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AGAINST THE INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4447 -- Reps. Henegan and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-7-355 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS TO ISSUE MOBILE BARBERSHOP PERMITS, TO ESTABLISH PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF MOBILE BARBERSHOPS. Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4448 -- Reps. Hill, Collins, Thayer, Gambrell, Gagnon, Putnam, White and Horne: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT FARGO'S AND HYCO'S LAW; TO AMEND ARTICLE 11, TITLE 47, RELATING TO THE TEASING, MALTREATING, AND INJURING OF POLICE DOGS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH WILFULLY OR MALICIOUSLY TORTURING, MUTILATING, INJURING, DISABLING, POISONING, OR KILLING A POLICE DOG OR HORSE, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-940, RELATING TO A PERSON WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD TO INJURING, DISABLING, OR CAUSING THE DEATH OF A GUIDE DOG OR SERVICE ANIMAL, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-960, RELATING TO A PERSON INTENTIONALLY INJURING, DISABLING, OR CAUSING THE DEATH OF A GUIDE DOG OR SERVICE ANIMAL, SO AS TO MAKE THIS OFFENSE A FELONY RATHER THAN A MISDEMEANOR AND INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4449 -- Rep. Huggins: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DELAY THE PROPERTY TAX PENALTY SCHEDULE BY TWO MONTHS ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DAMAGED DURING THE CATASTROPHIC WEATHER EVENT IN OCTOBER 2015. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4450 -- Reps. Huggins, Bingham, Quinn and Kennedy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION SUFFICIENT TO KEEP THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE OF A HOMESTEAD FROM INCREASING ONCE THE OWNER ATTAINS THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT EXEMPTION WHEN A PERSON ATTAINS THE AGE OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS AND TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION BY AN ADDITIONAL TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT EVERY FIVE YEARS THEREAFTER, AND TO SPECIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE EXEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-45-82 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A TAX EXECUTION ON THE HOMESTEAD OF AN INDIVIDUAL THAT HAS ATTAINED THE AGE OF EIGHTY YEARS. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4451 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-250, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS IN PROPERTY VALUATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ANY REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE SUSTAINED DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF FLOODING, TO PROVIDE FOR REFUNDS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, AND TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4452 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-140, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF

THE BOARD MUST BE APPOINTED BY, AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF, THE GOVERNOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4453 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-39-250, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS IN PROPERTY VALUATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS IN THE VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT OF ANY REAL PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE SUSTAINED DAMAGE AS A RESULT OF FLOODING, TO PROVIDE FOR REFUNDS IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, TO SPECIFY APPLICABILITY, AND TO DELAY THE PROPERTY TAX PENALTY SCHEDULE BY TWO MONTHS ON CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY DAMAGED DURING THE CATASTROPHIC WEATHER EVENT IN OCTOBER 2015. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4454 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-537 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE A COMBINATION LICENSE OR A FISHING LICENSE TO A CONSTABLE, RESERVE POLICE OFFICER, OR A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AT NO COST, TO PROVIDE FOR RENEWAL OF THE LICENSES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRIVILEGES AFFORDED TO A HOLDER OF THESE LICENSES. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4455 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 13, TITLE 60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENT WHO IS A CONSTABLE, RESERVE POLICE OFFICER, OR A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MAY ENTER THE STATE MUSEUM WITHOUT CHARGE. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4456 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 51-3-63 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENT WHO IS A CONSTABLE, RESERVE POLICE OFFICER, OR A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MAY ENTER ANY STATE PARK WITHOUT CHARGE. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4457 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 22-3-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4458 -- Rep. Huggins: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-21-870, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976 RELATING TO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT AND BOATING SAFETY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ZONE IN WHICH A PERSON MAY NOT OPERATE A PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSEL IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED ADJACENT OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL, WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, PIER, OR A PERSON UPON THE WATERS OF THIS STATE. Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4459 -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-104-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SECTION 59-149-10, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND SECTION 59-150-370, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, ALL SO AS TO INCREASE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS AVAILABLE UNDER THESE SCHOLARSHIPS BY TEN PERCENT. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4460 -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-143-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILDREN'S EDUCATION ENDOWMENT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF A GRANT MADE BY THE TUITION GRANTS COMMISSION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4461 -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR IS DECLARED "BRADLEY S. BLAKE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO PROMOTE THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4462 -- Rep. Jefferson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF JUNE 2016 AS "BRADLEY S. BLAKE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO HONOR THE LEGACY OF BRADLEY S. BLAKE, RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BRADLEY S. BLAKE FOUNDATION, AND TO PROMOTE THE REDUCTION OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THIS STATE. Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 4463 -- Reps. King, Mitchell and Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN A PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-11-510 AND 16-11-520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO MALICIOUSLY INJURE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN THAT PERSON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4464 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-5-600, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS FOR CREMATION WHICH MUST BE ISSUED BY CORONERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO FEE FOR A PERMIT FOR CREMATION MAY BE CHARGED. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4465 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ANNUALLY MUST COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN DIVERSITY TRAINING. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4466 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-13-80, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS AN UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE FOR AN EMPLOYER TO FAIL OR REFUSE TO HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE OF THE CREDIT HISTORY OR CREDIT REPORT OF THE INDIVIDUAL, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4467 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-785 SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FREE LUNCHES AND STUDENTS DETERMINED ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES MUST BE OFFERED THE SAME CHOICE OF MEALS AND MILK OFFERED TO CHILDREN WHO PAY THE FULL PRICE FOR THEIR MEALS OR MILK. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4468 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION BEFORE THEY CAN BECOME CERTIFIED OR RECERTIFIED AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EVALUATION MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4469 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1680, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PLACEMENT PLANS FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A PLACEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE NOTICE THAT CASEWORKERS WHO FAIL TO MAKE THE PRESCRIBED NUMBER OF PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH FOSTER CHILDREN MUST BE TERMINATED FROM EMPLOYMENT, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2310, RELATING, IN PART, TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CASEWORKERS TO MAKE A PRESCRIBED NUMBER OF PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH FOSTER CHILDREN, SO AS TO TERMINATE A CASEWORKER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY, WITH EXCEPTIONS, TO REQUIRE FOSTER PARENTS TO MAKE FOSTER CHILDREN REASONABLY AVAILABLE TO FACILITATE CASEWORKER CONTACT WITH A FOSTER CHILD, TO REQUIRE COUNTY DIRECTORS TO PERFORM AUDITS TO DETERMINE CASEWORKER COMPLIANCE, AND TO TERMINATE COUNTY DIRECTORS WHO FAIL TO PERFORM THE PRESCRIBED AUDITS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4470 -- Reps. King and Parks: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-63-74, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELECTRONIC FILING AND TRANSMISSION OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE DEATH CERTIFICATES AND TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL FROM ASSESSING A PENALTY AGAINST A FUNERAL HOME IF A PHYSICIAN FAILS TO PROVIDE A MEDICAL CERTIFICATION. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4471 -- Reps. King, Gilliard and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 7-5-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD APPLICATION OR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATION, INCLUDING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS, SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL SERVE AS AN APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, TO ELIMINATE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE APPLICANT SIGN A SEPARATE VOTER REGISTRATION PORTION OF THE APPLICATION IN ORDER TO REGISTER, TO PROVIDE THAT THE APPLICANT SHALL CONSENT TO THE USE OF HIS SIGNATURE FROM HIS STATE IDENTIFICATION CARD OR DRIVER'S LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO DECLINE REGISTRATION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4472 -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE RESTRICTIONS ON THE

PLACEMENT, RELEASE, AND RIGHTS OF AN INMATE WHO IS MOVED FROM A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FACILITY LOCATED IN GUANTANAMO BAY CUBA AND PLACED IN A FACILITY LOCATED IN THIS STATE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4473 -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-31-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON OR ANOTHER FIREARM MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING A CONCEALED WEAPON OR ANOTHER FIREARM OUTSIDE A MILITARY RECRUITING FACILITY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4474 -- Rep. Limehouse: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF DEFENSE NOT TO TRANSFER OR RELEASE DETAINEES AT GUANTANAMO BAY DETENTION CAMP IN CUBA TO SOUTH CAROLINA OR TO RELEASE SUCH DETAINEES IN THIS STATE, AND TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS MEASURES PROHIBITING SUCH TRANSFERS OR RELEASES. Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 4475 -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY PROHIBIT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY THE WEARING OF PATRIOTIC CLOTHING OR DISPLAY ON CLOTHING OF PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PREVENTS A SCHOOL, SCHOOL DISTRICT, OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING FROM PROHIBITING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY THE WEARING OF PATRIOTIC CLOTHING OR THE DISPLAY ON CLOTHING OF PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS WHEN COMBINED WITH POLITICAL, VULGAR, OR OTHER PROHIBITED STATEMENTS, IMAGES, OR SLOGANS AS BANNED BY SCHOOL POLICY. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4476 -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-315 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON MAY ENTER AND REMOVE A MINOR OR AN ANIMAL FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE MINOR OR ANIMAL IS EXPERIENCING A LIFE THREATENING OR EXTREME HEALTH THREATENING SITUATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES A MINOR OR AN ANIMAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4477 -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL FROM UTILIZING ANY ASSET TO ASSIST IN THE RELOCATION OF MIDDLE EASTERN REFUGEES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4478 -- Rep. Limehouse: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL FINES RECEIVED BY THE STATE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RELATING TO PLUTONIUM STORAGE AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE MUST BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR HIGHWAY, ROAD, AND BRIDGE MAINTENANCE, CONSTRUCTION, AND REPAIR. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4479 -- Rep. M. S. McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ADJOURN SINE DIE ON THE FIRST THURSDAY IN MAY INSTEAD OF THE FIRST THURSDAY

IN JUNE, TO PROVIDE AND ACCOUNT FOR A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SESSION ONLY MAY BE EXTENDED FOR PURPOSES OF THE BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-60, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH ITS 2017 SESSION FOR THE ENSUING TWO FISCAL YEARS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL ENACT A BIENNIAL STATE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4480 -- Reps. M. S. McLeod and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 31, TITLE 23 ENTITLED "FIREARMS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS" SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK MUST BE COMPLETED AND DELIVERY OF A FIREARM TO A PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE RESULTS OF ALL REQUIRED BACKGROUND CHECKS ARE KNOWN AND THE PURCHASER OR TRANSFEREE IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM DELIVERY OF THE FIREARM. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4481 -- Reps. M. S. McLeod and King: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DISTURBING SCHOOLS, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES TO PROVIDE A DELINEATED LIST OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH INVOLVE DISTURBING SCHOOLS, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISTURBING SCHOOLS OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4482 -- Rep. McKnight: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-63 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND ENFORCE A STATEWIDE MANDATORY DRESS CODE PROGRAM REQUIRING SCHOOL UNIFORMS BE WORN BY PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS DURING PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES AND CERTAIN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE UNIFORMS AND FLEXIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED SCHOOL LUNCHES IN OBTAINING AT LEAST FIVE SETS OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR EACH SEASON, CONTINGENT ON FUNDING. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4483 -- Rep. Mack: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR A SIX-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM IN NINE SPECIFIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR CONTINUOUS PRIMARY MODULES FOR USE INSTEAD OF GRADES ONE THROUGH THREE, TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP A CONTINUOUS PRIMARY MODULE, TO PROVIDE ELEMENTS OF A CONTINUOUS PRIMARY MODULE, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING STATEWIDE EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM BASED ON THE OUTCOMES ACHIEVED BY THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SCHOOLS USING A CONTINUOUS PRIMARY MODULE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY CONTINUE USE OF THE MODULE FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR AFTER THE SIX-YEAR PILOT PERIOD ENDS, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY MODIFY AND WAIVE PROVISIONS OF THE READ TO SUCCEED ACT TO ACCOMMODATE THE STRUCTURE OF CONTINUOUS PRIMARY MODULES IN SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CREATE POLICIES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4484 -- Rep. McCoy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, AND 57-1-330, ALL AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL THE COMMISSIONERS MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE THAT APPOINTEES MUST BE SCREENED BY THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS AND NO COUNTY MAY HAVE A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER FOR MORE THAN TWELVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-1-410, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, INSTEAD OF THE GOVERNOR, SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 57-1-730 AND 57-1-740, AS AMENDED, RELATING RESPECTIVELY TO THE DUTIES OF THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION REVIEW COMMITTEE, BOTH SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COMMITTEE TO SCREEN APPOINTEES TO THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS CURRENTLY ELECTED COMMISSIONERS ARE SCREENED; BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-95 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THIS STATE UNTIL JULY 1, 2020, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE THE BOARD TO THIRTEEN MEMBERS AND TO SET FORTH THE MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO MEMBER MAY SERVE MORE THAN TWELVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTION 11-43-180, RELATING TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE BANK FROM PROVIDING ANY LOANS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANY PROJECT UNLESS THE ELIGIBLE COSTS OF THE PROJECT ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLARS; BY ADDING SECTION 11-43-265 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK TO PRIORITIZE ALL PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN ACT 114 OF 2007, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4485 -- Reps. Neal and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR

A PERSON CONVICTED OF A CRIME CONTAINED IN THIS CHAPTER WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN A PERSON BECAUSE OF HIS RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, SEX, AGE, NATIONAL ORIGIN, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 16-11-510 AND 16-11-520, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MALICIOUS INJURY TO PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR MALICIOUS INJURY TO REAL PROPERTY OFFENSES AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO MALICIOUSLY INJURE PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY OF ANOTHER PERSON WITH THE INTENT TO ASSAULT, INTIMIDATE, OR THREATEN THAT PERSON. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4486 -- Rep. Neal: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REENACT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GLASS-STEAGALL ACT THAT WERE ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDING STABLE ECONOMIC MARKETS FOLLOWING THE GREAT DEPRESSION BUT WHICH WERE REPEALED IN 1999, CONTRIBUTING SUBSTANTIALLY TO HIGH-RISK BANKING AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES THAT CAUSED THE GREAT RECESSION. Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 4487 -- Rep. Pitts: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED CONSECUTIVELY IN THE PRECEDING SIX TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO THE SENATE IF THAT PERSON HAS SERVED CONSECUTIVELY IN THE PRECEDING THREE TERMS IN THE SAME BODY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A TERM SERVED FOR WHICH THE ELECTION WAS HELD BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2016, MAY NOT BE COUNTED AS A TERM SERVED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST BE PAID A SALARY EQUAL TO THE AVERAGE SALARY PAID TO PERMANENT STATE EMPLOYEES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4488 -- Reps. Pitts and Delleney: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, ENTITY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY SHALL ASSIST WITH OR PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING FOR OR THE RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES IN SOUTH CAROLINA PURSUANT TO A REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PLAN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, ENTITY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY SHALL NOT EXPEND ANY STATE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED ABOVE AND SHALL NOT SOLICIT OR ACCEPT ANY FEDERAL FUNDS FOR THESE PROHIBITED PURPOSES OR ACTIVITIES. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4489 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-1530, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HAVING CUSTODY OR CUSTODIAL SUPERVISION OF A PERSON CONVICTED OR ACCUSED OF CERTAIN OFFENSES NOTIFYING A VICTIM OF THE OFFENSE OF THE PERSON'S RELEASE, ESCAPE, OR INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER, SO AS TO LIMIT THE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE TO THE USE OF ELECTRONIC OR OTHER AUTOMATED COMMUNICATION OR RECORDING. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4490 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT EXPUNGEMENT PROVISIONS APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO THE OFFENSES DELINEATED. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4491 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PENALTIES IMPOSED UPON A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY CARRIES CERTAIN WEAPONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES IMPOSED UPON RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE WHO UNLAWFULLY CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A HANDGUN INVOLVED IN A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION DURING THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME MUST BE CONFISCATED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTY IMPOSED UPON A PERSON WHOSE PERMIT HAS EXPIRED. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4492 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1630, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NOTICE OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT HEARINGS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE TEN DAYS NOTICE OF A HEARING TO, AMONG OTHERS, FOSTER PARENTS AND TO REQUIRE THE NOTICE TO INFORM FOSTER PARENTS OF THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COURT; TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-1700, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO PERMANENCY PLANNING FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF A PERMANENCY PLANNING HEARING TO FOSTER PARENTS AND OTHER PERSONS PROVIDING CARE FOR A CHILD; AND TO AMEND SECTION 63-11-720, RELATING TO FUNCTIONS OF THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD TO ADVISE FOSTER PARENTS ABOUT THE RIGHT TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO AND BE HEARD BY THE COURT AT A HEARING CONCERNING THE CHILD. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4493 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 63-7-2310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION AND NURTURING OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO GIVE FIRST CONSIDERATION TO CERTAIN FOSTER PARENTS TO ADOPT FOSTER CHILDREN. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4494 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-115 SO AS TO REQUIRE A MAGISTRATE TO BE SCREENED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION BEFORE HE MAY BE REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, BY AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE SENATE, IF THE MAGISTRATE HAS A PENDING COMPLAINT OR A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE MAGISTRATE WAS FILED WITHIN THE MAGISTRATE'S CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE AND THE COMPLAINT RESULTED IN A DISCIPLINARY ORDER; AND BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-118 SO AS TO REQUIRE A MUNICIPAL JUDGE TO BE SCREENED BY THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION BEFORE HE MAY BE REAPPOINTED BY THE APPROPRIATE COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY IF HE HAS A PENDING COMPLAINT OR A COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM WAS FILED WITHIN HIS CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE AND THE COMPLAINT RESULTED IN A DISCIPLINARY ORDER. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4495 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-75-70 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT A PROPERTY OWNER

WHO IS REQUIRED TO CARRY FLOOD INSURANCE ON REAL PROPERTY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THIS COVERAGE IF THIS PROPERTY IS NOT AFFECTED BY CERTAIN FLOODING EVENTS. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4496 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO USE OR EMPLOY AN AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4497 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "STUDENT INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES FUND ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-165 SO AS TO CREATE A FUND TO ASSIST NEEDY STUDENTS IN MEETING COSTS RELATED TO EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN HIGH SCHOOL. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4498 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3895 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE TO BLOCK THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ENTERING AN INTERSECTION AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BLOCKING AN INTERSECTION IS A FOUR POINT VIOLATION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4499 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-31-215, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE MAY CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON UPON CERTAIN PREMISES FOR THE DURATION OF A STATE EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4500 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-9-320, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO OPPOSING OR RESISTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OFFENSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO THE FAILURE TO STOP A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SIGNALLED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE MAY PROCEED TO A REASONABLY CLOSE AND SAFE LOCATION BEFORE STOPPING, MAY NOT INCREASE HIS SPEED IN EXCESS OF FIVE MILES AN HOUR BEFORE STOPPING, TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CONVICTION PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE EXPUNGED. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4501 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-380, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION BY CERTAIN ACCREDITED PROGRAMS. Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4502 -- Rep. G. R. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-7-71 AND SECTION 2-7-76, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT STATEMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE REVENUE OF FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROBABLE BEHAVIORAL

RESPONSE OF TAXPAYERS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER CITIZENS WHEN COMPUTING REVENUE IMPACT STATEMENTS. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4503 -- Reps. J. E. Smith and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3780 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO TEN PERCENT OF ANY FEDERAL ASSISTANCE AN INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY RESULTING FROM THE CATASTROPHIC WEATHER EVENT IN OCTOBER 2015. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4504 -- Rep. J. E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE A HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN MAY NOT INCREASE A COPAYMENT OR REQUIRE AN INSURED TO PAY AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE COPAYMENT FOR A SPECIFIC ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUG PRESCRIBED TO TREAT EPILEPSY IN THE INSURED IF THE PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER DETERMINES THAT USE OF THAT SPECIFIC DRUG IS NECESSARY FOR THE PATIENT TO MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT THERAPEUTIC LEVEL TO AVOID SEIZURE REOCCURRENCE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A PREFERRED OR GENERIC EQUIVALENT IS AVAILABLE AT A LOWER COST, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITED PROCESS FOR REVIEWING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 39-24-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE DRUG PRODUCT SELECTION ACT OF 1978, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO AMEND 39-24-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZED SUBSTITUTION OF AN EQUIVALENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG BY A PHARMACIST UNDER THE DRUG PRODUCT SELECTION ACT OF 1978, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PHARMACIST MAY NOT INTERCHANGE AN ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUG OR FORMULATION OF AN ANTI-EPILEPTIC DRUG, BRAND, OR GENERIC FOR THE TREATMENT OF SEIZURES OR EPILEPSY WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF, AND SIGNED, INFORMED CONSENT TO, THE INTERCHANGE FROM THE PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER AND THE PATIENT OR THE PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR SPOUSE OF THE PATIENT, TO PROVIDE BEFORE SUCH AN INTERCHANGE MAY OCCUR, THE PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER MUST DETERMINE WHETHER THE INTERCHANGE CAN COMPROMISE THE ABILITY OF THE INSURED TO MAINTAIN A CONSISTENT THERAPEUTIC LEVEL TO AVOID SEIZURE REOCCURRENCE, AND TO PROVIDE THE PRESCRIBING PRACTITIONER MAY NOT CONSENT TO THE INTERCHANGE AND THE PHARMACIST MAY NOT PERFORM THE INTERCHANGE IF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN DETERMINES SUCH A COMPROMISE CAN OCCUR; AND TO AMEND SECTION 39-24-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FORM, CONTENT, AND MISCELLANEOUS REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4505 -- Rep. J. E. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STUDENT ATTENDING SCHOOL AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY WHO IS SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND IS UNABLE TO REMAIN ENROLLED DUE TO THE NECESSITY OF IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OR ENROLLMENT IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4506 -- Reps. J. E. Smith and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-250 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DISASTER RELIEF FUND" TO ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SUFFERED DAMAGE OR LOSS AS A RESULT OF A NATURAL DISASTER; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-

6-5060, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY AN INDIVIDUAL BY MEANS OF THE INCOME TAX RETURN CHECK OFF, SO AS TO ADD THE "SOUTH CAROLINA DISASTER RELIEF FUND". Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4507 -- Rep. Tallon: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 23-25-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CREATION, PURPOSE, AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HALL OF FAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP TO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OR HIS DESIGNEE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4508 -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 20-1-25 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PASTOR PROTECTION ACT"; TO ESTABLISH THAT A REFUSAL TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IS NOT A BASIS FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION BY THE STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AGAINST A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION, AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION OR A MINISTER OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE CLERGY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM A MARRIAGE CEREMONY IF IT WOULD CAUSE THE ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL TO VIOLATE A SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEF. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4509 -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT "TIMOTHY'S LAW"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-100, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MUST SIGN AN APPLICATION OF AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR FOR A BEGINNER'S PERMIT, INSTRUCTION PERMIT, OR DRIVER'S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FATHER, MOTHER, FOSTER PARENT, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STANDS IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A MINOR IS THE PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4510 -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-2400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4511 -- Rep. Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO MANAGE THE FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP), TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONAL TERMS, TO LIMIT RECEIPT OF SNAP BENEFITS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWDS) TO THREE MONTHS IN A THIRTY-SIX MONTH PERIOD, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO REQUIRE ABAWDS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM TO RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS, WITH EXCEPTIONS. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4512 -- Reps. Yow, Douglas, J. E. Smith, Pitts, Henegan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-3350, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES THAT CONTAIN A VETERAN DESIGNATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SEPARATED FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD ARE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A

DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT CONTAINS A VETERAN DESIGNATION. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4513 -- Reps. Chumley and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA NATURAL MARRIAGE DEFENSE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 20-1-17 SO AS TO DEFEND NATURAL MARRIAGE AS BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN, TO INVALIDATE COURT DECISIONS TO THE CONTRARY, TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DEFEND STATE OFFICIALS IN LAWSUITS RELATED TO THE STATE'S DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE, TO PROHIBIT ENFORCEMENT OF COURT DECISIONS CONTRARY TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S LAWS, AND TO PROTECT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM ARREST OR OTHER PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH UNLAWFUL COURT ORDERS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4514 -- Rep. Daning: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-112-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPENDENT CHILD WHO IS A UNITED STATES CITIZEN MAY NOT BE DENIED CLASSIFICATION AS A DOMICILED RESIDENT WHEN DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES AND STATE-SPONSORED TUITION ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS BASED SOLELY ON HIS STATUS OF HIS PARENT AS A NONRESIDENT ALIEN, TO PROVIDE THE MANNER THROUGH WHICH THE STUDENT MAY ESTABLISH DOMICILE, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIRING OF THE ABSENCE OF INDICIA IN OTHER STATES OR COUNTRIES BEFORE A STUDENT IS ELIGIBLE TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AND FEE RATES. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4515 -- Rep. Daning: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-112-50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE TUITION FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO DIED IN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED AS THE SPOUSAL OR CHILDREN DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS TO RECEIVE CERTAIN UNUSED FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TRANSFERRED FROM VETERANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A THREE-YEAR POST-DISCHARGE ENROLLMENT TIME LIMIT. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4516 -- Reps. Neal and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-117 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A CULTURAL COMPETENCY MODEL TRAINING PROGRAM CURRICULUM FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CURRICULUM, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS SHALL COMPLETE RELATED TRAINING; BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF TRAINING IN CONFLICT INTERVENTION AND RESOLUTION AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE RENEWAL OF CREDENTIALS OF TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS EMPLOYED IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS OR HIGH SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO PROHIBIT CAUSES OF ACTION FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ACTS OR OMISSIONS RESULTING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS OR RESULTING FROM ANY TRAINING OR LACK OF TRAINING REQUIRED UNLESS THE LOSS OR DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY WILFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT, AND TO PROVIDE THIS TRAINING DOES NOT IMPOSE A SPECIFIC DUTY OF CARE; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-212 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL ADOPT

ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES THAT MAY NOT BE RIGOROUSLY APPLIED TO PETTY ACTS OF MISCONDUCT AND MISDEMEANORS, MUST APPLY EQUALLY TO ALL STUDENTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR ECONOMIC STATUS, RACE, OR DISABILITY, AND THAT ARE INTENDED TO PROMOTE SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN SCHOOLS, PROTECT STUDENTS AND STAFF FROM CONDUCT THAT POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO SCHOOL SAFETY, AND ENCOURAGES SCHOOLS TO USE ALTERNATIVES TO EXPULSION OR REFERRAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-215 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL MAINTAIN RECORDS AND MAKE ANNUAL REPORTS CONCERNING STUDENT SUSPENSIONS, EXPULSIONS, AND REFERRALS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE WITH DATA ABOUT THE AGE, RACE, AND GRADE LEVEL OF THE STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THESE RECORDS AND REPORTS ARE PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT; TO AMEND SECTION 5-7-12, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-420, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING DISTURBING SCHOOLS, SO AS TO RESTRUCTURE THE OFFENSES TO PROVIDE A DELINEATED LIST OF THOSE ACTIONS WHICH INVOLVE DISTURBING SCHOOLS, TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF A DISTURBING SCHOOLS OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL-SPONSORED ATHLETIC EVENTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-63-235 AND 59-63-240 BOTH RELATING TO SCHOOL EXPULSIONS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4517 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 2-19-10, 2-19-20, 2-19-35, 2-19-70, 2-19-80, AND 2-19-90, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, ALL RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO REVISE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND CHANGE THE COMMISSION'S PROCESS FOR NOMINATING JUDICIAL CANDIDATES FROM THE NOMINATION OF THREE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE RELEASE OF A LIST OF ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4518 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40-79-225 SO AS TO REQUIRE AN ALARM BUSINESS TO EMPLOY A MEANS OF ALARM VERIFICATION FOR ALL BURGLAR ALARM SIGNALS THE ALARM BUSINESS RECEIVES, SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC EXCEPTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-79-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA ALARM SYSTEMS ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "ALARM VERIFICATION". Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4519 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1307 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COPY OR FACSIMILE OF A RECEIPT CORRELATING TO THE AMOUNT OF EACH CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURE SHOWN ON CERTIFIED CAMPAIGN REPORTS OF A CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 8-13-1308 AND A BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE UNDER SECTION 8-13-1309 FOR ANY REPORTING PERIOD MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PART OF THE REPORT TO THE ETHICS COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION HAVING JURISDICTION OF THE CANDIDATE AND COMMITTEE OR BALLOT MEASURE COMMITTEE; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE COPY MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE RELEVANT EXPENDITURE ITEMIZATION WHICH SHOWS THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON TO WHOM THE EXPENDITURE WAS MADE, TOGETHER WITH THE DATE, AMOUNT, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARY OF THE EXPENDITURE. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4520 -- Rep. Putnam: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, BY ADDING SECTION 7A SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE 2018 GENERAL ELECTION, HIS SUCCESSOR, WHO MUST BE A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNT LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE AND IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE REGULATORY ENTITY OF THIS STATE LICENSING AND REGULATING CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4521 -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE "TUCKER HIPPS TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL MAINTAIN REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, TO SPECIFY INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORTS, TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS SHALL MAKE THE REPORTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND ONLINE, AND SHALL FURNISH REPORTS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS BEFORE THE STUDENTS MAY BEGIN THE FORMAL PROCESS OF JOINING A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY, TO PROVIDE OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INITIAL COMPILATION OF THESE REPORTS BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR. Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4522 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT CURRENTLY POSSESSES OR USES CELL-SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY SHALL DISCONTINUE ITS USE AND DISCARD THE TECHNOLOGY OR DEVICES, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4523 -- Rep. Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-171 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY, THE UNITED STATES NAVY, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD, AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, AND THE FLAG COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE POW/MIA FLAG TO BE FLOWN AT THE VETERANS MONUMENT ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CAPITOL COMPLEX. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4524 -- Rep. Ryhal: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE CERTAIN FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES BEFORE RECEIVING A CONTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FROM A STATE AGENCY. Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4525 -- Reps. Simrill and Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 38-7-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE DATE THAT CERTAIN REVENUE MUST BE SENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA FORESTRY COMMISSION TO 2027. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

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Attached please find the Agency Assignments for the 2015 - 2016 Session. Please take note that several of the agencies have been moved to a different Subcommittee.

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From: Andy Twisdale <andy@sellhiltonhead.com>
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Subject: update on National Flood Insurance

NCOIL Calls for Flood Rate Hike Delay; Senate Action Could Come by Year-End

By Arthur D. Postal, PropertyCasualty360.com

The National Conference of Insurance Legislators added its voice to the growing chorus urging a delay of planned National Flood Insurance Program rate increases, while lobbyists with knowledge of the NFIP say Senate action on such a delay could come by the end of the year....[Read more](#)

Regards,

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Veldran, Katherine

From: Priester, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 12:22 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: FW: Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association Heritage Invitation

I am happy to respond. Just let me know whether or not it is a regret.

Nicole Priester
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From: Pitts, Ted
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 10:51 AM
To: afeaster@hhahba.com; Priester, Nicole
Subject: RE: Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association Heritage Invitation

Nicole,

See invite below.

Thanks,

Ted

From: Ashley Feaster [<mailto:afeaster@hhahba.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2014 10:08 AM
To: Pitts, Ted
Subject: Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association Heritage Invitation
Importance: High

Hi Ted... Mark Nix at our state association sent me your contact information. See the below/attached invite to our Heritage Hospitality Tent. Could I bother you to forward this onto your scheduler to see if he/she can work it into the Governor's schedule this week? Thank you.

Governor Haley & Staff,

The Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association cordially invites you to be our guest at our 18th fairway hospitality tent at this week's RBC Heritage Tournament. Attached you will find an invitation detailing our hospitality tent location and times. We hope that you will be able to stop by and visit with our members while at the tournament!

Kindest regards,
Ashley

P.S. Please let me know if there is a particular day and/or tentative time that the Senator and staff plan to stop by so that we can inform security and invite members of our board of directors to be present.



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From: Priester, Nicole
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To: Veldran, Katherine
Cc: Burns, James
Subject: FW: Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association RBC Heritage Invitation
Attachments: Home Builders RBC Heritage Invitation.pdf

Importance: High

KV,

Heritage request below.

From: Burns, James
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 2:39 PM
To: afeaster@hhahba.com; Priester, Nicole
Subject: FW: Hilton Head Area Home Builders Association RBC Heritage Invitation
Importance: High

Ashley,

Thank you for your e-mail. I forwarded your request to our scheduler, Nicole Priester.

Best regards,
James

James H. Burns
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From: Ashley Feaster [<mailto:afeaster@hhahba.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 09, 2015 2:28 PM
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Cc: Mark Nix
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Importance: High

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From: Cashion Drolet <cashion@screaltors.org>
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 2:37 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: S.75/R267

Katherine,

I wanted to reach out to you to see if you or the Governor had any questions I can answer on S.75/R267. We worked extensively through Director Pisarek on the language, and we are interested in seeing the act become law.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Cashion

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From: Andy Twisdale <andy@andytwisdale.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 7:54 AM
To: Ray Farmer
Cc: Veldran, Katherine; Daryl Ferguson; Stu Rodman; Cashion Didier; tom@senatortomdavis.com; Austin Perez
Subject: South Carolina Property Insurance Ted Curtis and Tony Andreano

Hello Ray

Below is another property owner facing insurance rates that do not make sense. I look forward to your reply

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From: TCurtis [mailto:[REDACTED]@roadrunner.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2013 7:56 PM
To: andy@andytwisdale.com
Subject: Fw: BNO SC property insurance

One example

From: TCurtis
Sent: Sunday, April 07, 2013 7:12 PM
To: [Andy Twisdale](mailto:andy@andytwisdale.com)
Subject: Re: BNO SC property insurance

I have lived within 5 miles of the SC coast on Hilton head Island for 10 years. I have had my Homeowners Insurance with USAA for 50 years and until 2009 USAA included Wind & Hail. The premium for W&H from USAA in 2009 was approximately \$1000 to insure a 2000 sq.ft home, with a new roof. My home, completely updated inside and out, sits at 20' elevation. It is a wood frame with an attached 2 car garage. I have never made an insurance claim on the home for anything.

In 2009 USAA was persuaded by the computer models that , even though the company had never paid an insurance claim in Beaufort co/Hilton Head Island in the company's history-----they

dropped my Wind & Hail insurance and I was forced to purchase same from the only agency available....the state of SC. The rate was double what the previous rate was!

I called USAA and reminded them of my excellent history with the company and the fact that Hilton Head Island had no particular history of claims from damage from hurricanes or floods. The president of the company took my call-----probably because I was a 50 year member-----and told me personally that he was unable to argue with the computer models, despite evidence that suggested this area was not in a specific danger zone.

Present Federal Flood Control maps show my property NOT to be in the flood zone. Hilton Head Island has no particular history of hurricane damage, and the very reputable company that has underwritten every type of insurance for me for 50 years took none of that into consideration when they unilaterally dropped my W & H Rider. They were beholden----because of liability issues----to follow flawed computer model data, that based its results on inaccurate input, and drop my W&H Rider forcing me to pay premiums that are unreasonable and unnecessary.

Ted Curtis
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Another example
HEY JESSE--THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW --I JUST GOT MY NEW PREMIUM FROM OCCIDENTAL FOR 2013--WENT UP 25%--CALLED STATE INS. DEPT & WAS TOLD THEY WERE AWARE OF IT & HAVE TALKED TO THE ACTUARY & THEY SAID IT WAS JUSTIFIED.
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☺ Tony Andreano

Hawk

On Apr 4, 2013, at 9:41 PM, [REDACTED]@aol.com wrote:

Tom -- Thank you again for a for an insightful, comprehensive and provocative update on impending legislation under consideration, and the challenging issues ahead for SC and the USA. Your grasp of the facts, and leadership in Columbia are inspirational and educational for your Beaufort constituents. It's a tough slog and glad you have the horse power! Jesse Iverson

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From: Andy Twisdale <andy@sellhiltonhead.com>
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Cc: Ray Farmer; Veldran, Katherine
Subject: South Carolina Property Insurance

Hello

Below is an article by Tony Bartelme

Storm of Money: Sparks of reform in South Carolina Legislature ...

In 2003, Geraldine and Tony Luppino built a home on a thumb of land that juts ... Insurance-related groups say that rates in South Carolina are reasonable and ...

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Subject: Re: South Carolina insurance: W&H

Thanks, Andy.

I have forwarded the information for Mr. Ralff to our folks for further investigation and I will report back early next week. We may need to contact him for additional specifics on his property and current coverage.

We look forward to helping Mr. Ralff.

I hope all is well with you.

Ray

On Mar 29, 2013, at 6:05 PM, "Andy Twisdale" <andy@andytwisdale.com> wrote:

Hi Ray

Below is another property owner who feels their insurance rates are high. I would to see what your thoughts are

Regards,

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From: Pat & Dave Ralff [<mailto:pat.ralff@barbermail.net>] **On Behalf Of** Pat & Dave Ralff
Sent: Friday, March 29, 2013 11:26 AM
To: 'Andy Twisdale'
Cc: 'Daryl Ferguson'
Subject: RE: South Carolina insurance: W&H

Andy, Thank you for your offer of assistance and your work with Daryl and Tom Davis on this issue.

41 Oyster Reef Drive is a 1994 McNair built 3219 H sq.ft. 1 ½ story hard stucco primary residence. It has two bedrooms 3 ½ baths, a could be 3rd bedroom used as a den and a large "bonus: or media room with a full pool table and sitting area.

Pretty standard stuff with new roof in 2013 assessed value over \$700,000 but insured at \$644,000.

Home owners carried by Nationwide. Just (January) paid \$4967 to Nationwide for SC W&H pool coverage – HO is separate.

Two agencies since December have tried or have had quotes from 3 of the over 8 companies they deal with on HO and W&H. The W&H quotes with HO were all higher as was the stand alone W&H which no one writes without the HO policy.

Questions please – no claims over last 19 years – good credit score.

I really appreciate your interest and willingness to try to help.

Thank you
Sincerely,
David J. Ralff

843 6813099 (phone or fax)

██████████@hargray.com

From: Andy Twisdale [mailto:andy@sellhiltonhead.com]

Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 4:55 AM

To: 'Daryl Ferguson'; 'Pat & Dave Ralff'

Subject: South Carolina insurance: W&H

Hello Pat & Dave

Please send me a note describing your home and the rates you are being charged. I will forward to D.O.I. and ask them to tell us why

Regards,

Andy Twisdale REALTOR
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From: Daryl Ferguson [mailto:██████████@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 9:39 PM

To: Pat & Dave Ralff

Cc: Andy Twisdale

Subject: Re: W&H

Pat and Dave,

Read the current issue of the Low Country Weekly under the article "Billion Dollar Coastline." In that article the publisher is asking for comments. My suggestion is that you send the publisher a concise summary of your problem. Copy me. I will try to have your comments

published. There is no reason why your rates should be that high. I will send a copy to Andy Twisdale, Chairman of the South Carolina Competitive Alliance. Andy has a good relationship with the state's new Commissioner of Insurance. Keep up the fight. Daryl Ferguson

On Tue, Mar 26, 2013 at 4:46 PM, Pat & Dave Ralff <[REDACTED]@hargray.com> wrote:

In my pursuit of lower wind and hail premiums I just left a second agent's office. No luck. This make at least six companies that I have investigated that may write in the low country but can't beat my total package even with over \$4900 in W&H premiums. With a house insured at \$644000 I am in between a new guy Beacon /Lighthouse (under \$300,000) or a specialty co (over \$i,000,000. Lets hope Tom Davis can get his bill approved. Just an update. No response needed. Thanks D Ralff

Veldran, Katherine

From: Raymond Farmer <RFarmer@doi.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2013 4:42 PM
To: Andy Twisdale
Cc: 'Andy Patrick'; Boblyn4@aol.com; 'BILL HERBKERSMAN'; 'Sam Reed'; 'Stu Rodman'; 'Ken Jackson'; 'Tim Geho'; 'Andy Walker'; 'David Burnett'; 'Laura Crowther'; 'Robert Clement'; 'Donna Smith'; 'Lawrencen Thompson'; 'Daniel Moskowitz'; Gwen Mcgriff; 'David Ames'; 'Daryl Ferguson'; 'Gene Waterfall'; 'SHANNON ERICKSON'; 'Bill Harkins'; Veldran, Katherine; Pitts, Ted; 'Jeff Glacken'; 'Mark Nix'; 'Ashley Feaster'; 'Jocelyn Metzger Steigar'; 'Steve Rilley'; 'Michelle Kurtz'; 'Gina Smith'; 'Earl Dietz'; 'Weston Newton'; 'David Tigges'; 'Terence Ennis'; 'Jon and Sheryl Doe'; 'Tony Bartelme'; 'Cashion Didier'; 'Billy Mills'; 'Don McCombs'; 'Tom Davis'; 'Tom Gardo'
Subject: RE: Hilton Head Home Owners Insurance Rates

RE: Market Assistance Referral

Dear Mr. Twisdale:

Following up on your previous emails regarding Mr. Green's premium increase, it is the Department's duty to make sure that rates are not inadequate, excessive, or unfairly discriminatory enabling insurance companies to remain solvent and pay claims. Like each rate filing, Occidental Fire and Casualty's (Occidental) filing was complex, which they supported with data. Our actuarial team reviewed and analyzed the data supplied by Occidental with its rate request thoroughly before approving the request.

Occidental adjusted rating variables that it uses such as a home's age, a home's roof age, and distance within five miles of the coast. This likely occurred because of the level of risk Occidental felt is covered by its policies. It is important to note that while Mr. Green experienced an increase of 25.5%, other consumers insured by Occidental experienced rate decreases, while some experienced rate increases greater than Mr. Green's.

One point often forgotten in the discussion about risk is that, even when an area is not directly hit by a significant storm, that area can still experience significant loss as a result of that storm's proximity. Using historical data, each insurance company hypothesizes the loss a one hundred year storm could cause in an area and seeks to have the funds for such an event. Occidental underwrites a substantial amount of risk close to the beach and our actuarial review determined that Occidental's rate is not excessive, inadequate, nor unfairly discriminatory.

Although the rate is higher than the insured anticipated, we continue to encourage all South Carolina consumers to shop around each time their policy is renewed in order to obtain the most appropriate coverage and cost for their individual risks.

Additionally, I understand that Will Davis from our office is working with you to gain further clarification on your question regarding Occidental's rating of the projected cost of repair per \$1,000 home evaluation that will help us to accurately respond.

Sincerely,

Ray Farmer

>>> "Andy Twisdale" <andy@andytwisdale.com> 03/18/2013 5:23 PM >>>

Hi Ray

Thank you very much for the quick attention to Mr. Green's email about his insurance company wanting a 25.5% rate increase. I did speak to Mr. Green and he will follow up with your offer to help with shopping for another insurance company.

I still would like to see the basis of the insurance company's rate hike when we have not had a storm or hail event for a minimum of 8-10 years? Under what basis does the insurance company feel they need to raise the costs of insurance that much?

Regards,

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From: Raymond Farmer [mailto:RFarmer@doi.sc.gov]

Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 4:41 PM

To: Andy Twisdale

Cc: Andy Patrick; Boblyn4@aol.com; BILL HERBKERSMAN; Sam Reed; Stu Rodman; Ken Jackson; Tim Geho; Andy Walker; David Burnett; Laura Crowther; Robert Clement; Donna Smith; Lawrence Thompson; Daniel Moskowitz; David Ames; Daryl Ferguson; Gene Waterfall; SHANNON ERICKSON; Bill Harkins; Katherine Veldran; tedpitts@gov.sc.gov; Jeff Glacken; Mark Nix; Ashley Feaster; Jocelyn Metzger Steigar; Steve Riley; Michelle Kurtz; Gina Smith; Earl Dietz; Weston Newton; David Tigges; Terence Ennis; Jon and Sheryl Doe; Tony Bartelme; Cashion Didier; Billy Mills; Don McCombs; Tom Davis; Tom Gardo

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agents in Mr. Green's community with property insurance markets who could help Mr. Green compare prices for the types of coverage offered.

We believe we may be able to help him. In any event, we will monitor the situation closely and follow up as necessary. Thank you again for your email, and for providing an opportunity to help a South Carolina insurance consumer.

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Sincerely,

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From: @aol.com [mailto: @aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2013 10:20 AM

To: @aol.com

Cc: @aol.com; andy@andytwisdale.com; andrewpatrick@advancepointglobal.com; tom@senatortomdavis.com

Subject: Fwd: Hilton Head Home Owners Insurance Rates

FYI. Jesse

From: @aol.com

To: @aol.com

Sent: 3/17/2013 10:17:56 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Re: Hilton Head Home Owners Insurance Rates

Bob --- Contact Andy Twisdale @ Jesse

In a message dated 3/15/2013 3:05:58 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, @aol.com writes:

Jesse,

As I have seen your emails on Hilton Head insurance rates, you may be interested in the following. My premium with Occidental Fire and Casualty Co. of NC, Home Owners with wind and hail coverage, is being increased 25.5%, effective with 05/01/13-05/01/14 renewal.

I called the SC Dept.of Insurance and was informed the company had justified the new increases with the department's actuaries.

Who does one complain to at the town level? I am looking for a new insurer.

Thanks.

Bob Green

Veldran, Katherine

From: Andy Twisdale <andy@sellhiltonhead.com>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 6:21 PM
To: Ray Farmer; Veldran, Katherine
Cc: Nick Kremydas; Cashion Didier
Subject: FW: Panel Discussion on Natural Catastrophe Costs

Hello again and I promise no more emails today.

Below is an interesting issue. A national discussion on how to protect home owners for catastrophe costs. I would hope SC will be involved in the discussion.

Regards,

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From: Austin Perez [mailto:APerez@realtors.org]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 4:07 PM
To: Andy Twisdale
Subject: FW: Panel Discussion on Natural Catastrophe Costs

Thanks! It was actually a briefing for congressional staff on legislation just introduced by a NJ Rep. (Sires) (invite below). The bill would provide federal reinsurance backstop to state insurance programs so they are less reliant on volatile global market during mega-catastrophes. Here's more:

http://www.protectingamerica.org/newsroom/article_462/New-Bill-Will-Improve-Catastrophe-Protection-for-Homeowners.htm

By the way, I used your example (without naming you) in my remarks and I think it was very persuasive to the staffers; thanks for that information.

Be back in touch shortly.

Austin Perez
Senior Policy Representative – Environmental Issues
National Association of REALTORS®

From: ProtectingAmerica.org [mailto:info@protectingamerica.org]

Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2013 5:15 PM

To: Austin Perez

Subject: Panel Discussion on Natural Catastrophe Costs

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James Lee Witt

National Co-Chair, ProtectingAmerica.org and former FEMA Director

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The Honorable Tom Davis, former Virginia Congressman, Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and Chairman of the Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina

Panelists

- **The Honorable Robert Wooley**, former Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Louisiana
- **Lloyd Dixon**, Senior Economist and Director of the Center for Catastrophic Risk Management and Compensation, RAND Corporation
- **Austin Perez**, Senior Policy Representative, National Association of Realtors
- **Admiral James Loy**, National Co-Chair, ProtectingAmerica.org, former Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security and Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard (Retired)

March 12, 2013

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Thanks.
Bob Green

Veldran, Katherine

From: andy@andytwisdale.com
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 10:22 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine; Rodman Stu; Daryl Ferguson; Cashion Didier
Subject: Re: D.O.I. meeting

Thank you
See you on December 12 at 3 pm. Please send the address
Andy Twisdale
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81 Main Street Suite 202
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
Andy@sellhiltonhead.com
843-██████████

From: "Veldran, Katherine" <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>
Date: Mon, 3 Dec 2012 10:09:08 -0500
To: 'andy@andytwisdale.com' <andy@andytwisdale.com>
Subject: Re: D.O.I. meeting

Yes.

From: Andy Twisdale [<mailto:andy@andytwisdale.com>]
Sent: Monday, December 03, 2012 08:04 AM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: D.O.I. meeting

Hello Katherine

Have you confirmed our meeting for December 12 at 3 pm

Regards,

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Veldran, Katherine

From: Garry R. Smith <GarrySmith@schouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 4:23 PM
To: Adolf Zubia
Cc: John Farmer; sapphire.creek@earthlink.net; Veldran, Katherine; Ed Roper; David Blackwell
Subject: Re: Events at Sapphire Creek

Thanks for a response.

I look forward to the completed report.

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 16, 2012, at 4:09 PM, "Adolf Zubia" <adolf.zubia@llr.sc.gov> wrote:

Rep. Smith,

I have a preliminary response, however, we were in the process of verifying all the other locations your constituent identified.

The sprinkler requirements for Ms. Karen Harnesberger are applicable based on the current fire code adopted by the State.

I am having my staff provide you with the preliminary information on all the other facilities and the specifics as to why they were or weren't protected with a sprinkler system.

Z

Adolf Zubia
Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal
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141 Monticello Trail
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Website: www.scfiremarshal.llronline.com
NOTE: Please note that you can sign up to receive automatic information on SC Division of Fire and Life Safety current events, policies, laws and procedures by visiting our Web site at: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/firemarshal.asp>

From: Garry R. Smith [<mailto:GarrySmith@schouse.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2012 3:15 PM
To: John Farmer
Cc: Adolf Zubia; sapphire.creek@earthlink.net; katherineveldran@gov.sc.gov
Subject: RE: Events at Sapphire Creek

Thanks again, John for your help, but, it has been a week since I requested this information and you passed it up the ladder. No response from up the ladder! Not even an acknowledgement! Is anybody home?

Garry R. Smith
South Carolina House of Representatives, District 27
www.garrysmith.org
facebook: Garry Smith
Twitter: GarryRSmith

From: John Farmer [john.farmer@llr.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 09, 2012 2:59 PM
To: Garry R. Smith
Cc: John Farmer; Adolf Zubia; sapphire.creek@earthlink.net
Subject: Re: Events at Sapphire Creek

Mr. Smith I have forwarded this to the our main office.

Thank you,

John Farmer, CFI II, CFPE
Deputy State Fire Marshal
Office of State Fire Marshal
SC Department of Labor, Licensing, & Regulation,
141 Monticello Trail, Columbia SC 29203
Telephone: 803-[REDACTED]
Email: john.farmer@llr.sc.gov
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Please note that you can sign up to receive automatic information on SC Division of Fire and Life Safety current events, policies, laws and procedures by visiting our Web site at: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/firemarshal.asp>

On Jul 9, 2012, at 1:44 PM, "Garry R. Smith" <GarrySmith@schouse.gov> wrote:

The following email is from a constituent concerned about what she feels is inconsistent enforcement of the Fire Code.

Specifically, she is concerned about the requirement for installation of sprinklers, which she complied with, and that her competitors in the Upstate area have not had to comply with.

As you are probably well aware, the installation of sprinkler systems are very expensive, particularly when they are installed in an existing facility. This can create a huge advantage or disadvantage for businesses competing in the same market.

Thank you in advance for looking into this issue, and I look forward to your response.

Garry R. Smith
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From: Karen Harnesberger [sapphire.creek@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 05, 2012 12:07 PM
To: Garry R. Smith
Subject: Events at Sapphire Creek

Hello Garry,

Thank you for looking into this for me. The following are venues that I know opened after me that do not have sprinkler systems:

~ The Lodge at Lake Bowen Commons
10000 sq ft, 300 seating

~ Indigo Hall in Spartanburg, SC

~ Timber Rock

Only seats 80 guests inside (not certain if the occupancy is higher, I have heard that it is quite a large facility)

~ The Barn on the Enoree River; The Luv Shack, in Fountain Inn, SC
They will take over 300 occupancy according to the research I have completed

Karen Harnesberger
Events at Sapphire Creek
401 N. Main Street
Simpsonville, SC 29681
(864) 238-9392
www.eventsatsapphirecreek.com

Veldran, Katherine

From: Grant Gillespie <Grant.Gillespie@llr.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: RE: Three Rivers - Garnet & Gold

Think this is the same issue that Curtis Loftis called us about last week. We just got their review plans a couple days ago but yes we will put a push on it. Thanks. Chat soon.

Grant Gillespie
Director of Business and Government Affairs
SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation,
110 Centerview Drive; Columbia, SC 29210
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Cell: 803. [REDACTED]
Fax: 803.896.4393
Email: gillespieg@llr.sc.gov
Website: www.llr.state.sc.us

From: Veldran, Katherine [mailto:KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 1:46 PM
To: Grant Gillespie
Subject: Three Rivers - Garnet & Gold

Grant,

Please read below. Are you able to help expedite?

Hope all is well!

Thank you,

Katherine

Katherine,

Thanks for your help in this matter. The project is Three Rivers Garnet and Gold Society, (Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity House) at 1611 Hampton St. Columbia, SC 29201

The only hold up for us to get a letter of occupancy by the City of Columbia, is for the State Fire Marshal (LLR) to approve our engineer's plans for the Sprinkler System. The plans were submitted by Pat D'Anna with Castle Sprinkler on August 7th.

After several calls about the plans, the Engineer at the State Fire marshal reviewed them last week. His name is Daniel Skinner. He wanted a sprinkler head to be moved in the plans and they sent Pat D'Anna a letter asking him to make that correction on the plans. The Engineer working for Pat D'Anna made the correction and resubmitted the plans to Daniel last Thursday, August 30th. However, rather than reviewing the correction and

signing off on the project, the project went back to the back of the line. (as you may see in the coorespondence below).

The contacts on this project that we have been dealing with are :

Dianne Childress 803-896-9814 (Administrative Assistant)
Daniel Skinner (Engineer)

We have had several delays on this project due to red tape and misinformation. We have 8 young men who have waited patiently to move into the house, but are stuck in limbo do to this paperwork. It is costing my organization \$500 a night to lodge them in a hotel.

The City of Columbia is ready to inspect tomorrow if only they could get this approval letter.

Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated!

Jonathan Howell
(alumnus volunteer for Pi Kappa Alpha)
803- [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Dianne Childress <Dianne.childress@llr.sc.gov>
To: Jonathan Howell <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2012 9:00 AM
Subject: RE: Three Rivers - Garnet & Gold

I'm sorry, but I do not have any news for you at this time. The resubmittal was only received last week and the engineer does have several projects in his queue that he's working on at this time (all projects are reviewed in the order in which they are received). Once his review is complete it will go into my work queue to finish. Unfortunately, I cannot give you a timeframe as to when this project will be completed, but I assure you that once a letter has been generated you will be copied on the email.

Thank you for your understanding,

P. Dianne Childress
Engineering Administrative Assistant
SC Dept of LLR, Office of The State Fire Marshal
141 Monticello Trail
Columbia, SC 29203-9213
Phone 803-896-9814 / Fax 803-896-9831
Email childressp@LLR.SC.GOV

From: Jonathan Howell [mailto:[REDACTED]@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 8:53 AM
To: Dianne Childress
Subject: Re: Three Rivers - Garnet & Gold

Hey Dianne, any good news for me this morning? We have to get these plans to David Koon with the City this morning to be able to proceed. We are desperate. Thanks for anything you can do.

Jonathan

From: Dianne Childress <Dianne.childress@llr.sc.gov>
To: Jonathan Howell <[redacted]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2012 11:41 AM
Subject: Three Rivers - Garnet & Gold

I apologize, but I do not have any new information on this project. It is still under review by the engineer at this time. I did speak with him about this one and he did inform me that he's working as diligently as possible on the projects that were submitted prior to this one so that he can get it reviewed at the earliest time possible. Unfortunately, I just do not have an exact date as to when the project review will be completed.

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From: Jonathan Howell [[mailto:\[redacted\]@yahoo.com](mailto:[redacted]@yahoo.com)]
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 11:10 AM
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Subject: Re: 1611 Hampton St.

Hey, sure Dianne, it's Three Rivers Garnet and Gold. 1611 Hampton St.

Thanks again for checking.

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Jonathan,

I apologize, but could you give me a little more information on which project you are inquiring about? I've already had about 20 phone calls this morning regarding project status updates so it gets a little difficult to keep them all in order without an actual project name or project number.

Thanks,

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Hey Dianne!

Didn't want to be a pest on the phone! Any word on whether our plans were approved yet this morning? I left a message with Daniel yesterday, but didn't hear back. Hope you are well.

Jonathan

Veldran, Katherine

From: Mottel, Haley
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2015 7:50 PM
To: Baker, Josh; Veldran, Katherine; Burns, James; Smith, Austin; Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: Leg Update/Meeting Schedule
Attachments: 5.13.2015 Legis Policy Update.docx

Thursday, May 14

Senate: Session 11:00

- **9:00 am** -- Gressette Room 308 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee
 - **Appointments:** Housing, Finance, and Development Authority, Board of Barber Examiners, Donate Life, Real Estate Commission
 - **Regulations:** Board of Pharmacy, Board of Nursing, State Fire Marshal
 - **No bills on the agenda**
- **9:00 am** -- Gressette Room 207 -- Medical Affairs Subcommittee on Regulations
 - **Regulations: DHEC – INCLUDING:**
 - **Regulation 4538 – DHEC: Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services**
- **10:00 am** -- Gressette Room 209 -- Judiciary Subcommittee
 - H.3154, Sandifer- S.C. Uniform Military and Overseas Voters Act

House: Session 10:00

- **9:00 am** -- Blatt Room 427 -- 3-M Subcommittee V, Social Services, Mental Health and Children's Affairs
 - S.474, O'Dell – Patient's rights
 - S.341, Kimpson - Renal medullary carcinoma
- **9:00 am** -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Criminal Laws Subcommittee
 - S. 199, Grooms - Peanut's Law
 - H. 3863, Tallon - Bail Bondsmen
 - H. 3133, Rutherford - Sex Offenders
- **9:00 am** -- Blatt Room 515-A -- Judiciary Election Laws Subcommittee
 - H. 3862, Quinn - Confirmation of Retired Judges
- **9:00 am** -- Blatt Room 403 -- Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee
 - S.441, Hayes - Guaranteed Asset Protection Act
 - S.375, Hayes - Local Government Surplus Funds Deposits
 - S.301, Alexander – SC Board of Accountancy
 - S.304, L. Martin – Contracts to Buy Power
 - S.389, Lurie - Business Development Corporations
 - S. 277, Alexander – State Telecom Equity in Funding Act
 - H.3217, Long - Developer of a common interest community
- **9:00 am** -- Blatt Room 521 -- Ways and Means Property Tax Subcommittee
 - S. 153, Shealy - Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption
 - S. 379, Courson- County Tax Officials
- **9:30 am** -- Blatt Room 511 -- Environmental and Natural Resources Subcommittee Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
 - **Regulations:**
 - Document 4552, Reg. 61-28, 61-38, 61-39, 61-40, 61-42, 61-46, regarding Horse & Kangaroo Meat; Fairs, Camp Meetings, and other Gatherings; Camps; Mobile/Manufactured Home Park; Sanitation of Schools; Nuisances

- Document 4546, Regs. 123-40, 123-51, and 123-52, regarding Wildlife Management Area Regs.; Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons; and Either-Sex Days and Antlerless Deer Limits for Private Lands Game Zones
- **No bills on the agenda**
- **Upon adjournment of the House -- Blatt Room 516 -- Judiciary Constitutional Laws Subcommittee**
 - H. 3949, J. Smith - Employment Discrimination
 - H. 3177, Taylor - Convention of the States
 - H. 3096, McCoy - Balanced Budget

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Cc: Veldran, Katherine
Subject: Homebuilders

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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The State Homebuilders Assoc would like a filmed message from Michael to play at their bird supper this year. The supper is has a theme related to veterans. Mark Nix call [REDACTED]

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To: Veldran, Katherine; Mottel, Haley; Packard, Clark; Schimsa, Rebecca
Subject: Prefiles - categorical list

Good afternoon,

Here's a first run at the pre-files – a more complete list will be put on the share drive tonight.

Ethics/FOIA

S. 0001 – Larry Martin – 2015 Ethics Reform Act
S. 0011 – Larry Martin – Notice of Public Meetings
S.0014 – Rankin – Financial disclosure, lobbyist registration, campaign finance
S.0074 – Campsen – 2015 Ethics Reform Act
S.0137 – Cleary – Term Limits

Judicial Reform

S.0104 – Bright – 20 year 'cool off' before members of General Assembly may become judges
S.0111 – Bright – Appointment of judges by the Governor
S.0112 – Bright – Appointment of judges by the Governor

Domestic Violence/DSS

S. 0003 – Larry Martin – Criminal Domestic Violence
S. 0010 – Larry Martin – Autopsy public records
S. 0019 – Jackson – Dating violence
S.0054 – Campsen – Limits probation for violent offenders
S.0056 – Massey – Availability of restricted data collected by EMTs
S.0060 – Campsen – Child support obligations
S.0150 – Shealy – South Carolina Child Welfare Reform Act of 2015
S.0151 – Shealy – Custody determinations

Transportation

S. 0002 – Setzler – Interstate Lane Expansion Fund
S. 0023 – Grooms – Gas tax for LNG
S. 0027 – Grooms – Income/gas tax swap

Education

S.0024 – Grooms – Codification and expansion of school choice tax credits
S.0043 – Malloy – South Carolina College and University Board of Regents
S.0044 – Malloy – Year-round schooling
S.0045 – Malloy – District calendar approval
S.0046 – Malloy – Teacher performance bonuses
S.0049 – Malloy – 4K expansion
S.0050 – Malloy – 4K expansion
S.0051 – Malloy – Statewide wireless internet access for schools

Taxation and Spending Generally

S. 0005 – O'Dell – Increase Homestead Exemption to \$60,000
S.0026 – Grooms – South Carolina Fair Tax Act
S.0061 – Campson – Annual spending limitations

- S.0062 – Campsen – Increasing fines and fees by separate act
- S.0064 – Campsen – Long-term care premium tax credit
- S.0155 – Shealy – Eliminates the income tax

Criminal Justice Generally

- S. 0004 – Setzler – Jim’s Law – Private Security Arrest
- S. 0007 – Jackson – Child Support for inmates
- S.0017 – Jackson – Workforce opportunity act – disclosure of criminal history
- S.0020 – Jackson – Expungement
- S.0037 – Bryant – Immunity from prosecution
- S.0047 – Malloy – Requires law enforcement body cameras
- S.0048 – Malloy – Study committee on Racial Profiling
- S.0052 – Campsen – Home invasion protection act
- S.0053 – Campsen – Expand civil jurisdiction of Magistrates
- S.0065 – Campsen – Revision of sentences
- S.0067 – Campsen – Drug Courts

Military

- S. 0006 – Hayes – Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Visitation Act
- S.0033 – Bryant – Retired military pay deductions
- S.0042 – Bryant – Retired military pay deductions

Restructuring

- S.0008 – Larry Martin – Ratify Adjutant General amendment
- S.0059 – Campsen – Appoint Comptroller General
- S.0063 – Campsen – Appoint Commissioner of Agriculture
- S.0068 – Campsen – Constitutional Amendment to appoint Superintendent of Education
- S.0069 – Campsen – Enabling legislation to appoint Superintendent of Education
- S.0070 – Campsen – Appoint Secretary of State
- S.0120 – Bright – Constitutional Amendment to appoint the Superintendent of Education

Abortion

- S.0025 – Grooms – Pain Capable unborn Child Protection Act
- S.0028 – Grooms – Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- S.0034 – Bryant – Prohibits pharmaceutical abortions

Federal

- S.0029 – Grooms – US Constitutional Convention
- S.0030 – Grooms – US Balanced Budget Amendment
- S.0031 – Grooms – US Defense of Marriage Amendment

Environment and Conservation

- S.0057 – Campsen - Turkey
- S.0058 – Campsen – Surface water withdrawal
- S.0066 – Campsen – Killing animals in self defense

Other/Misc.

- S. 0009 – Cleary – Ratify bingo amendment
- S. 0013 – Rankin – Common Interest Community Education
- S.0015 – Alexander – Installation of fire sprinklers
- S.0016 – Gregory – Workers compensation applicability to longshoremen
- S.0018 – Jackson – South Carolina Homeowner Protection Act
- S.0021 – Grooms – Vision assistance relating to drivers licenses
- S.0022 – Grooms – Establish or repeal laws by petition or referendum
- S.0032 – Cleary – Petition and referendum for passing or repealing laws
- S.0035 – Bryant – Investing PEB funds

- S.0036 – Bryant – Second amendment protection
- S.0038 – Bryant – Recovery of tenant debt
- S.0039 – Bryant – Structures of local governments
- S.0041 – Bryant – Regulation of municipal utilities
- S.0055 – Campsen – Local government reapportionment

Resolutions

- S.0040 – Bryant – Water management

Mottel, Haley

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Subject: Business License Fee Study
Attachments: SC system of business licensing reform book.pdf

Haley,

It was good to see you on Wednesday, and I hope you survived the Ways and Means meeting. I wanted to follow up on our conversation about business license fee reform. I have attached a copy of the study I mentioned during our conversation. This study accurately depicts the challenges face by small business when complying with the myriad of business license fee requirements in our state. Please feel free to share this info with the rest of your office. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you

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REFORMING

South Carolina's System of Business Licensing

Introduction

South Carolina's current system of business licensing is in dire need of reform. Chief among the many problems addressed in this report are the unnecessary complexity of the current system and the cost burden of compliance (for both businesses and localities seeking to enforce it). The current system drains resources from small businesses, discourages competition that would benefit consumers, is overly selective, and is subject to political manipulation. The licensing system has strayed from its original purpose and essentially functions as a revenue source for local governments, which both harms the economy and is needlessly costly to administer and enforce.

Unfortunately, since local governments have no incentive to improve the system on their own, reforms can only achieve success if they are implemented across all jurisdictions simultaneously, by state-level legislation. South Carolina's state constitution recognizes that local governments are indeed political subdivisions created by the State.¹ Their power of taxation is derived from the State: "...the legislative branch of the government has the exclusive power of taxation, but may delegate it to towns for municipal purposes and may, therefore, restrict the towns in that respect."² There is historical precedent for the State regulating the local licensing system when the State placed caps on the level of municipal business license taxes out of concern that localities were levying unreasonably high tax levels.³

It is the State's constitutional responsibility to reorganize and repair this outdated and burdensome system of business licensing that local governments have no incentive to improve. This is precisely the step recently taken by the neighboring state government in North Carolina, as explained in this report.

One specific problem with the current system, the fact that the tax must be levied on gross income, must be solved by state-level legislation, as it is mandated by state statute: "Each municipality can levy a business license tax measured by gross income. SC Code Sec. 5-7-30 No other basis is authorized, except for certain businesses,"⁴ and "[t]he general statutory basis for levying a business license tax requires it to be measured by gross income. SC Code Sections 4-9-30(12) and 5-7-30."⁵

This report begins by examining why improving the system matters, the logic behind a well-functioning system of business licensing and taxation, and how South Carolina's current system departs from these principles. The report concludes by examining how South Carolina can reform its business license system and discussing the steps taken by regional and competitor states that have recently enacted reform.

1 Municipal governments are creatures of statute and possess only the powers given to them by the State. S. C. Constitution, Article VIII, §§ 7, 9.

2 South Carolina Supreme Court, see Quirk, William J. "Nature of a Business License Tax." South Carolina Law Review, Vol. 32, 1981, page 482.

3 See the two examples given in Quirk, William J. "Nature of a Business License Tax." South Carolina Law Review, Vol. 32, 1981, footnote 68 and page 490.

4 Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 1

5 Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 14.

Why It Matters

Despite South Carolina's abundant resources, educated workforce, growing population, and productive waterways, the state ranks poorly on measures of economic well-being. In terms of personal income per capita, South Carolina ranked 48th among the 50 U.S. states, making the Palmetto State the 3rd poorest state in the nation in 2013.⁶ With personal income per capita of \$35,453, the average South Carolinian's income is 79.6 percent of the U.S. average, and 89.2 percent of the average for states in the Southeast.

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South Carolina not only has a relatively low level of per capita income, but the growth rate of income also lags behind other states. Between 2012 and 2013, for example, South Carolina's per capita personal income grew at 1.13%, the 46th worst growth rate in the country that year, and only 61.1 percent of the average growth for the country as a whole (and 72.4 percent of the average growth of states in the Southeast).⁷

South Carolina's labor force participation rate is the 6th lowest in the country, with only 58.8 percent of the working-age population actively engaged in the state's labor market.⁸ There are many South Carolinians who could, and would, generate income for themselves if it were easier to become an entrepreneur or if employment opportunities with a new business were expanded.

A large share of the differences in economic growth rates across geographic areas is explained simply by differing levels of entrepreneurial activity—that is, areas with more entrepreneurship have faster economic growth. Reynolds, Hay, and Camp (1999), for example, find that one-third of the difference in economic growth rates across areas is explained by differing levels of entrepreneurship, while Zacharakis, Bygrave, and Sheperd (2000) find that differing levels of entrepreneurial activity explain approximately one-half of the difference.⁹

Entrepreneurship is a primary driving force behind economic growth and prosperity. If South Carolina wants to grow, prosper, and have more employment opportunities, the impact of policies on the environment for entrepreneurship must be critically examined. As this report will illustrate, South Carolina's current system of business licensing is an obvious impediment to entrepreneurship.

The actions of entrepreneurs not only create wealth and jobs, but also create new goods and services that improve the well-being of consumers. During the past century alone, medical innovations have resulted in life expectancy increasing by approximately 30 years in the United States¹⁰, and those years are spent in more comfort because of entrepreneurs such as Willis Carrier, who invented modern air conditioning, and Italian immigrant Candido Jacuzzi, who developed the first hydrotherapy pump for bathtubs to help his son who suffered from juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

6 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, series SA1-3, Personal income summary

7 U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, series SA1-3, Personal income summary.

8 U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, state and local area labor force statistics.

9 Reynolds, P. D.; Hay, M., and Camp, S. M. (1999) *Global Entrepreneurship Monitor* Kansas City, Missouri: Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership; and Zacharakis, A. L.; Bygrave, W. D. and Shepherd, D. A. (2000) *Global Entrepreneurship Monitor National Entrepreneurship Assessment: United States of America*. Kansas City, Missouri: Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership

10 Life expectancy at birth was 78.7 in 2010 and 47.3 in 1900 [source: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 63, No. 7, November 6, 2014, Table 19].

Economists have long recognized the important role that entrepreneurs play in advancing society. Schumpeter (1942) described how entrepreneurs search for new combinations of resources, guided by the profit and loss system, and unleash a process of 'creative destruction' in which new goods and services replace old ones.¹¹ Kirzner (1997) argued that the entrepreneurial discovery process is vital to the effectiveness of markets.¹²

As Baumol (2004) demonstrates, most new innovations do not come from existing large companies, but rather from the entrepreneurial insights of new small businesses. Promoting entrepreneurship and economic growth means promoting the growth of new small businesses through policy reform that lowers the obstacles and barriers to opening and growing a small business.¹³

It is against this backdrop that this study examines the system of business licensing in South Carolina. The current system has significant negative impacts on both the creation and growth of new entrepreneurial businesses that can be eradicated with a few simple reforms.

Principles Underlying a Sound and Effective System of Business Licensing

From the standpoint of economic theory, a well-functioning system of business licensing would satisfy a clear list of criteria:

- A process that treats businesses fairly, similarly, and equally.
- A process that is reasonably straight-forward and economical so that businesses can comply with it, and government agencies can administer and enforce it.
- A process that promotes oversight of business and compliance with other laws, taxes, and reporting procedures.
- A process that creates a clear and rational link between the fees charged and the public services
- the license actually provides—that is, fees that are linked to the public services provided or consumed by business that are not already covered through other forms of business taxation.
- A process that promotes competition to improve quality and lower prices for South Carolina consumers.
- A process that does not seek to generate government revenue by unnecessarily draining businesses of the funds they would use to reinvest in order to grow.

Unfortunately, South Carolina's current system fails to meet all six of these important criteria. This report continues by addressing each of the above principles in greater detail along with suggestions for reform.

11 Schumpeter, Joseph A. 1942. *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*. New York: Harper.

12 Kirzner, Israel M. 1997. "Entrepreneurial Discovery and the Competitive Market Process: An Austrian Approach." *Journal of Economic Literature*, 35(1): 60-85.

13 Baumol, William J. "Education for Innovation: Entrepreneurial Breakthroughs vs. Corporate Incremental Improvements," NBER Working Paper 10578 (June 2004).

1. Treating Businesses Fairly, Similarly, and Equally

Standard public finance theory is clear that government taxes and fees should satisfy a principle known as ‘horizontal equity’—a principle that says that equals should be treated equally. The principle extends far beyond business licensing and taxation. We should all be equal before the law. Regardless of our sex, race, or income, laws are laws and should be applied equally and fairly to everyone. Individuals should not be arbitrarily treated differently. There should be no discrimination. Even more troubling than random arbitrary differences is when the differences are a function of the political influence that individuals have. Quite simply, people with political connections should not get favors or breaks that are not given to everyone.

South Carolina’s system of business licensing strays far from this basic principle. Each municipality requires businesses to pay a business license fee. However, the fee is not the same for all businesses, nor even calculated on the same basis. In the city of Charleston, for example there are seven ‘rate classes’ and dozens of specific rates and exemptions for selected industries. While food stores, auto dealers, and gasoline stations are under rate class 1, travel agencies, apparel stores, and eating and drinking establishments are in rate class 2. Although, eating and drinking establishments that are primarily nightclubs are instead in rate class 7. Rate class 3 includes concrete products, electrical equipment, and motor freight transportation; while rate class four includes tobacco, printing, and auto repair. Class 5 includes security and commodity brokers, passenger transportation and communication; while class 6 includes credit agencies, insurance agents, fishing and hunting, and social services. Finally, class 7 includes taxi licenses, billiard tables, and amusement machines.

In addition to this confusing system of classification, there are numerous exceptions and special rates for specific industries, including for radio telephone communications, railroad companies, night clubs, insurance companies, computer programming, and insurance.

Charleston is not alone. Similar mazes of rules exist for the other cities and counties that have business licenses, and these lists vary widely across the localities—resulting in an inconsistent system of fee formulas across the state that creates considerable confusion and administrative costs. Even the small town of Lincolnville has a lengthy 55-page business license ordinance document with which business owners must comply.¹⁴

This inconsistency is both defended by the localities and subject to their discretion under current law. Consider the following examples from the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook:

“Federal nor state law provides any guidelines for determining when a license tax is reasonable...If different rates are to be charged for different classifications, it necessarily follows that the city council must use its judgment and set the different rates to be collected. In deciding whether the tax is reasonable, it has been held that the reasonableness

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¹⁴ See <http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/revenue-collections/files/LincolnvilleBL.pdf>

is largely within the discretion of the city council.” [Page 4]
“The legislative purpose of the license tax is simply to raise revenue for operation of the city or county. Uniformity between classes is not required. *Carter v. Linder*, 303 SC 119, 399 S.E.2d 423 (1991)... the court may require a showing of a rational basis for a wide disparity in rates between classes, overlooking the general rule that equal protection applies only within a classification and not between classes. The settled rules regarding the burden upon the taxpayer to prove unconstitutionality beyond a reasonable doubt...” [Page 13]

In some (perhaps most) cases these different rates of fees are determined by political connections, a problem that has plagued this system throughout its entire history and has drawn the attention of South Carolina courts.¹⁵ In most areas, fees depend on whether the business owner is a local voter.¹⁶ Obviously, imposing taxes on a person who cannot vote on your reelection is less politically costly than imposing taxes on someone who can vote against you. According to the Municipal Association of South Carolina, *Business License Handbook*: “[m] any license ordinances provide that rates for nonresident businesses are classified higher than for residents, usually double the resident rates. The Supreme Court has upheld a differential rate...as fully justified...” [Page 13]

In other areas local governments waive the fee, lower, or offset it using other means for a specific large, politically-connected business. Specific car dealers have obtained special treatment, and companies such as Boeing were able to entirely change the system in North Charleston to reduce their rate and cap their fee; a change which also then affected the rates charged to a few other businesses in the city. For example:

“For the second time this year, North Charleston plans to reduce the business tax paid by one of the city’s largest companies...a change to the business license rate schedule that will reduce the tax rate for Select Health of South Carolina...Two smaller companies with the same business classification, which the city did not identify, also will benefit from the change in the rate...”

“In July, North Charleston cut in half the top business license tax rate for those with gross earnings of \$250 million or more — Select Health is among the four North Charleston companies in that category — and created a new top tier tailored for Boeing Co. with a rate 99 percent lower than the current levy. Those changes to the business license fee structure were meant to cap Boeing’s business license fees at \$1 million yearly, as the company ramps up aircraft production. Select Health, Trident Regional Medical Center, and Daimler Vans Manufacturing benefited to a smaller extent due to the reduction in the rate for earnings above \$250 million.”¹⁷

Even local officials argued that the underlying problem that encouraged them to make special provisions for these companies is that the license fee tax is incorrectly and unfairly based on gross revenue:

¹⁵ As examples, see the cases involving special treatment for Standard Oil Company and Confederate Veterans in Quirk, William J. “Nature of a Business License Tax.” *South Carolina Law Review*, Vol. 32, 1981, pp. 471-499.

¹⁶ For example, *City of North Charleston, Ordinances, Sec. 10.5-19 (Article II)*, reads: “Unless otherwise specifically provided, all minimum fees and rates shall be doubled for non-residents and itinerants having no fixed principal place of business within the city.”

¹⁷ From “Select Health in North Charleston May Get Tax Break,” by David Slade, *Post and Courier*, Nov. 4, 2013.

“According to Mayor Keith Summey, the reduction targeted for Select Health is needed because the business license fee is based on gross revenues...putting an unfair burden on the company...Some council members have questioned whether the change is fair to other businesses, or even legal. ‘We’ve already done a business license reduction for four big entities,’ Councilman Todd Olds said at the committee meeting in October. ‘Now, one of them is coming back for another reduction.’”¹⁸

Treating politically-connected businesses differently than other businesses creates issues with fairness, and when the favors are granted to one business, others rush to secure their own personal rate reductions.

In other areas, delivery services such as UPS or FedEx do not have to pay the license fee to deliver due to deals with local officials, but a metro area furniture store would have to pay to deliver in the area.¹⁹ The issue is not really that these larger and politically-connected companies can get lower rates and caps on their payments—the issue is that other smaller businesses with less political pull cannot get equal treatment and assistance lowering their rates. Yes, the rates are too high and wrongly based on gross revenue, but this is a problem that needs to be fixed for everyone, not just those with the pull to get their local government officials to make special exemptions for them individually.

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The current system is one in which localities can selectively apply rates, granting favors to some and punishing others. This stands in stark contrast to the economic principle that laws and policies should be broad-based, and apply equally to all. The current system encourages favor seeking and lobbying, and is quite simply unfair to some businesses that are treated differently than others.

The fact that the fees differ so widely across types of businesses is not the only manner in which the current system seemingly violates principles of fair treatment. Business license fees, in virtually all cases, are levied as a fixed fee for obtaining a license plus an additional amount based on a percentage of the business’s gross income (or revenue), which is mandated by state statute: “Each municipality can levy a business license tax measured by gross income. SC Code Sec. 5-7-30 No other basis is authorized, except for certain businesses,”²⁰ and “[t]he general statutory basis for levying a business license tax requires it to be measured by gross income. SC Code Sections 4-9-30(12) and 5-7-30.”²¹ Because it is based on gross revenue, if a business sells \$100,000 in goods and services, it pays the same fee calculated as a percentage of this amount regardless of its costs of production. That is, a business with revenue of \$100,000 with costs of \$90,000 (and thus a \$10,000 profit) is charged the same fee as a similar business with revenue of \$100,000 with costs of \$20,000 (and thus a \$80,000 profit).

In essence, this means the license fee system is particularly burdensome for high-cost,

¹⁸ From “Select Health in North Charleston May Get Tax Break,” by David Slade, Post and Courier, Nov. 4, 2013.

¹⁹ “In *Pee Dee Chair Co. v. City of Camden*, the court held that for license purposes, a single delivery of merchandise within a municipality does not constitute doing business therein....Although a single delivery does not constitute doing business, the courts have held that repeated deliveries can be considered doing business.” Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 10. In practice, different areas enforce it differently: for example in the city of Goose Creek, a business would not need a business license if it was for a no-charge delivery in a personal vehicle; however, if a company truck does the delivering and charges a delivery fee, they would need a business license based on the delivery charges unless they use a common carrier like UPS, then they would not need a business license for the delivery charges.

²⁰ Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 1.

²¹ Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 14.

low-margin businesses, particularly those with inventory costs, and for very small firms. An advertising agency who purchases \$1 million in advertising for a client, but who only made \$10,000 in profit on it; or a homebuilder who sells a \$300,000 home but only makes \$20,000 in profit are both charged a percentage based on the full amount of the revenue, not just the profit. Complicating the issue is the contested interpretation of defining what counts toward gross income, particularly in the case of real property transactions, resulting in legal challenges to the interpretation local governments use which differs from those used in the federal tax code.

Although the current gross income basis for the business license tax is mandated by state law, the underlying basis is less clear: "A business license tax ... is a method of requiring a business or occupation to

contribute its share in support of the government 'as it regards the profits or advantages of such occupations.' *State v. Hayne*, 4 SC 403 (1873). It is not a sales or income tax, although it is measured by gross income."²² The question should be whether the current gross income basis is indeed the best measure of the 'profits or advantages' of doing business. Gross income is clearly not a basis for determining the 'profits' part of this definition.

Because the fee is based on gross revenue, this puts South Carolina at a major disadvantage in recruiting and keeping new businesses that have higher costs and lower margins. Keep in mind that these 'costs' are also being taxed in several ways. Labor costs create wages that are taxed under the income tax; property is taxed under the system of local property taxation, and the income of the suppliers of the resources is taxed under other business income taxes such as the corporate income tax or personal income tax (in the case of LLC's or sole proprietorships).

The less obvious, but perhaps more important, issue here is that the current gross revenue basis for the license fee is equivalent to a turnover tax that pyramids by taxing the same exact item multiple times. For example, if the homebuilder mentioned above pays the \$280,000 in costs out to sub-contractors who do the work on the house, each of these subcontractors will have to pay a business license fee based on their total revenue as well. Consequently, not only is the builder essentially taxed on the \$300,000 sale price of the final house that includes the costs of construction, the sub-contractors are also taxed on the \$280,000 of their work. The pyramid scheme goes on, as when the subcontractors purchased their supplies from hardware stores, these stores are also taxed on their sales to the contractors. The process continues as the lumber company who harvests the trees must pay based on its revenue even though the hardware store had to pay when it sold the wood to the contractor. In essence, each time the good or service changes hands, it is essentially subject to additional taxation under the current system of business license fees based on gross income.

The pyramiding, 'turnover-tax' present in the current licensing system creates unfair distortions as companies who can vertically integrate—handling multiple steps within the same firm without the need for an explicit transaction—pay less in total fees than those who must out-source their resources from other firms. If a single person chops down a tree, cuts it into boards, assembles a chair, then sells it at the retail level, they will pay the license fee based on the chair sales revenue only once. Alternatively, if these activities are undertaken by four different business firms, the value of the chair will essentially be taxed four times in the process since each business will have revenue as the between-business transactions occur.

This issue has been a frequent argument in efforts to reform or dispute the tax in court.

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Despite the fact that obviously the value of the final consumer good has been used as the basis for a tax applied multiple times, and that this clearly meets the economic textbook definition of double taxation, localities are insistent that it is not a double tax in their view. Consider the following examples from the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook:

“Subcontractors are not exempt from a business license tax even though the general contractor may pay a tax on the full contract price of a project. A general contractor cannot deduct the amount paid to a subcontractor from the gross income upon which he computes his license tax. The contractor and subcontractor are two different people or entities engaged in two different business activities. Each is subject to a license tax based upon the gross income received. The tax is levied upon the privilege of doing business not on the income. Therefore, there is no double taxation, as is frequently argued.” [Page 26]

“Independent insurance agents sometimes argue that they should not pay a business license tax because the company pays a tax on the gross premiums. They contend this would be double taxation because their commissions are paid from gross premiums. This is a misconception... There is no double taxation. The taxes are levied on two different businesses. For example: manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers may be subject to license taxes on gross income from the sales of the same goods because each activity is a separate business. Neither the goods nor the sales transactions are the subjects of the tax.” [Page 31]

“Double taxation is a common objection raised by contractors and subcontractors. See the discussion in Part 3 for responses to this objection.” [Page 46]

Despite these statements, the charge of double taxation is a ‘common objection’ precisely because “a rose by any other name is still a rose.”

To reform South Carolina’s system of business licensing requires adopting a system that is more broadbased, with fewer exemptions and differentials—a system in which all businesses are treated fairly and equally. Applying the same rate structure or fee system to all businesses

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would be the ideal goal of reform. This reformed system must also avoid unfairly and multiplicatively taxing gross income and be either a flat fee or based on net income—income minus costs. Any reform should strive to have fewer categories and exemptions while maintaining uniformity across the state. However, these reforms will have to come from the state legislative level: “[b]ecause flat or fixed fees are not based on gross income, they do not comply with the state law authorization and

would be discriminatory. However, it is generally accepted practice to charge a minimum base rate sufficient to cover administrative costs.”²³

23 Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 16.

2. Ease of Compliance and Enforcement

The current system of business licensing requires many small businesses to have dozens of local business licenses—for no reason other than to collect local revenue. An air conditioning repairman, realtor, or electrician, who works in the Charleston metro area, for example, is required to have licenses in each and every county and municipality in which he does work. The Charleston metro area, while all within an easy drive for a local service provider, consists of many different smaller cities and municipalities and encompasses three counties. To serve all of the towns



Photo courtesy of Greg Mappus, owner of the Charleston area franchise of Mister Sparky.

within a short drive from their office, a Charleston service provider would need to obtain 3 county business licenses and a minimum of 28 municipal business licenses.²⁴ In some cases, municipalities allow the county to renew and collect their licenses; however, this practice is limited and is far from solving the problem.²⁵ The different areas also have differing annual periods, some January to January, while others may be July to July.

Many new small businesses can only survive by selling over a larger geographic area as the product appeals only to a limited percentage of customers. Quite simply, a company specializing in a narrow area—something that might only apply to a few houses per square mile per year such as repairing fire damage—needs to serve a larger geographic area in order to survive. The father of economics, Adam Smith (1998, [1776]) argued that specialization and the division of labor are the primary drivers of economic wealth and prosperity.²⁶ A pet store specializing in only birds, for example, needs a larger metro area to serve to have enough customers than a pet store that carries a general line of assorted pets. As Adam Smith noted, this degree of specialization is limited by what he termed ‘the extent of the market’—or the size of the overall market within which a business can sell. A small specialized company may need to serve an entire metro area to be able to generate enough customers to survive.

Solving this problem is an issue of state statute, as is clear in the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, page 9: “A license may be charged for the privilege of doing business within the city or county regardless of whether there is an established place of business therein, except for businesses given special treatment by statute. See Atty. Gen. Op. No. 1262, January 12, 1962; and *Crosswell & Co., Inc. v. Town of Bishopville*, 172 SC 26, 172 S.E. 698 (1933)... SC Code Sec. 5-7-30 contains no general prerequisite that there be a place of business in the taxing municipality.”

The current system of business licensing, with its maze of duplicative licenses, makes it more difficult and costly for small businesses to serve larger areas, specialize, and grow. Thus the cur-

²⁴ The counties of Charleston, Berkeley, and Dorchester, and the municipalities of Awendaw, Bonneau, Charleston, Edisto Beach, Folly Beach, Goose Creek, Hanahan, Harleyville, Hollywood, Isle Of Palms, James Island, Jamestown, Kiawah Island, Lincolnville, McClellanville, Meggett, Moncks Corner, Mount Pleasant, North Charleston, Ravenel, Reevesville, Ridgeville, Rockville, Saint George, Saint Stephen, Seabrook Island, Sullivan’s Island, and Summerville.

²⁵ As examples, the towns of Rockville, Awendaw, McClellanville, and Lincolnville allow Charleston County to administer their licenses.

²⁶ Smith, Adam. 1998 [1776]. *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*. Washington: Regnery Publishing.

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Most importantly, business owners must spend substantial time and effort to obtain and keep records to apply for the multitude of different geographic licenses. Local business owners estimate that they spend a minimum of 3 to 4 hours per year, per license, to simply comply with the procedures. While some municipalities have on-line systems, most do not, and this requires business owners to sometimes visit or repeatedly call to obtain the necessary forms for each area. Local business owners complain that smaller cities, like the city of Hollywood, for example, are particularly difficult places to renew as notices are not automatically mailed and forms are difficult to acquire, given the limited local government resources to help with the process.

Making matters worse, each business must try to keep track separately of the business activity it does in each municipality. While in theory this may sound easy, in some areas a house next to another may be in the city versus unincorporated county. Even the most advanced small business accounting systems provide reports mostly by zip code, which do not align with these boundaries. Local business owners report in many cases that they must simply guess at the percentages that are in the city versus unincorporated county for reporting purposes. To identify each property would take hours of effort for the business. But if a city were to audit the business, they would use city resources to do this for each recorded transaction and fine the business for not properly reporting the amounts.

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Even if it were easier to identify which revenue was earned in which locality, the current system of licensing does not even rely on actual business revenue. For a new business, its first license would require it to try to estimate the revenue it will earn in each locality. For renewals, the amount is based on the prior year's revenue in the area, but there is no system to rectify the differences annually to the true amounts. If a business does less revenue (or maybe even no revenue) in a year than estimated or in the prior year, there is no refund on the overpayment based on lower revenue. However, if the

business has higher revenue than estimated, it may have local officials coming to penalize the business for underpayment.

For example, City of North Charleston, Ordinances, Sec. 10.5-19 (Article II), reads: “A license fee based on gross income shall be computed on the gross income for the preceding calendar or fiscal year, and on a twelve (12) month projected income based on the monthly average for a business in operation for less than one (1) year. The fee for a new business shall be computed on the estimated probable gross income stated in the license application for the balance of the license year and updated prior to renewing for the following year. No refund shall be made for a business that is discontinued or for over payments of prior year license fees.”

Several businesses reported having to fight localities in the legal system over whether the license applies or over specifics of the fee, including which deductions are allowed from gross revenue or gross income. A Charleston area real estate broker who wished to remain anonymous, said in an interview that he was forced to hire tax law experts to fight local officials' interpretation of the specific rules. Complicating the issue, some local ordinances explicitly state the basis as 'gross income' while others state the basis as 'gross receipts.' Because not all municipal ordinances incorporate the same language, inconsistencies arise in how

business license fees are calculated and applied. For instance, the City of Goose Creek ordinance uses ‘gross income,’ while the Mount Pleasant ordinance refers only to ‘gross receipts.’

Conflicts such as this have led to lawsuits over the interpretation. The City of Goose Creek is facing a lawsuit over a city employee’s interpretation of gross income versus gross receipts in a case involving the purchase and resale of property.²⁷ An employee of the city of Goose Creek is trying

to levy the business license tax on the entire sale value of the property, that is—the gross revenue, which is substantially different from the taxable gross income—which is the difference between the sale price and the purchase price. In other words, if a business purchases a home for \$550,000 and resells it for a price of \$600,000, the gross revenue is \$600,000 but the gross income is \$50,000. Thus, a tax based on gross revenue is different amount than a tax based on gross income.

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On an on-going basis, the license tax renewal process is cumbersome and uncertain. While a business serving a metro area may do one job in a smaller rural municipality in a given year, it is not always sure it will have business in that area in the coming year. If a business only services one home every three years in a small surrounding town this process is frustrating. If it chooses to renew, but gets no business in the area, there is no refund of the license tax, costing the business money for no reason. If it chooses not to renew in January, based on the expectation of no business in the area, but gets a job call in September, it can obtain a license at the time of the job in September but only with substantial fees and penalties due to its lateness in renewing for the year. After renewing with penalty in September, the license would then only be valid for the remaining three months of the year. Local businesses reported basically having to maintain and renew licenses in areas ‘just in case’ they get a call, even though they routinely end up doing no business in the area, all without any refund in the fee. In addition, businesses must have a current license in many areas just to bid on a job, even if they do no current work in the area and even if they are not selected for the final contract. The intent to do business is the basis, as is clear in the Charleston County business license ordinance: “[e]very person engaged or intending to engage in any calling, business, occupation or profession”

In many cases, with overburdened local enforcement resources, it is easy for some businesses to evade the system. Unmarked pickup trucks doing work on a house may never be questioned while a truck with a company name on the side will often be inspected for compliance. Business owners who do try to comply properly reported being upset that their attempt to comply put them at a cost disadvantage relative to firms who try to evade the system.

Keep in mind that these local area service-type businesses who are subject to this overly burdensome and complex system are precisely the types of businesses that provide job and entrepreneurial opportunities for the lowest-skilled and unemployed citizens who need jobs most—the painter, lawn mower, or house cleaner. For a large, one-location major retailer with more stable revenue, while the fee may be large, the compliance is much easier than for a small business that performs services in a wider geographic area.

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²⁷ County of Berkeley, Court of Common Pleas. Case No. 2011-CP-08-2814, Todd Olds v. City of Goose Creek.

This system is not only burdensome for small businesses, but also for local governments. Keep in mind that a business in theory could accomplish everything truly needed and pay all proper amounts of fees by simply having one license, paying one full amount, and with

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a record of sales by area submitted, the total tax could be split and redistributed across the localities just like is done under the local-option sales tax collection system. Instead, each business must be processed repeatedly by many small jurisdictions, with many duplicate forms and the workers necessary to compute payments, collect them, send out paper licenses, administer the system, and to enforce the system. The current system is unnecessarily costly for municipalities to administer and to enforce. Even a revenue-neutral re-

form that centralized the processing system could generate substantial cost savings (and additional local revenue to spend) across the entire state by eliminating the duplicative local administrative structures. A central administration could even be paid for with a surcharge on the revenue from the system and still result in more net revenue for localities due to their cost savings from administration and enforcement. The dozens of policemen and other enforcement officers involved in this process create an unnecessary drain on local government resources that could be better spent elsewhere to reduce crime and solve more pressing community problems. In the end, each municipality must duplicate the efforts and process already undertaken effectively by another municipality. While some municipalities allow their county to collect and issue their licenses, this practice is limited and comes far from solving the problem.

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As an example, the City of North Charleston pays \$200,000 per year to Charleston County to help administer part of its business licensing system (including billing, renewals, inspections, auditing). Thus, its internal operations are only a small portion of what it would take to perform the entire operations for a stand-alone business licensing system. Even so, the city employs 3 people within its Finance Department whose primary job duties are to handle new business license applications, permit collections, contractor updates, and handle questions relative to the business licensing process, at an estimated cost of approximately \$300,000 per year to the city. In addition, the city has two compliance officers in the Building Inspection and Executive Department involved in specific inspections and renewals. Along with the cost of their operational support, this costs the city an estimated additional \$150,000 per year. So even in the case of a city that does partially contract its services to the county, the total cost of the system is \$450,000 internally plus the amount charged by the county, for a grand total of approximately \$650,000 in administrative and enforcement costs—which amount to 3 percent of the revenue collected by the tax, or \$16.89 per household in the city.²⁸

Using the data for North Charleston to extrapolate to the statewide costs is possible. One method would be to assume all localities spend the same percent of revenue, the other assuming all localities have the same cost per resident household. Because North Charleston has a

²⁸ Estimates provided to Todd Olds, North Charleston City Council Member, by E. Warren Newton, Director of Administration & Finance, City of North Charleston, March 10, 2010

few very large businesses, like Boeing, that contribute disproportionately to revenue, the cost as a percent of revenue basis likely understates the cost for other localities. However, the two techniques produce estimates of statewide administration and enforcement costs of \$9.4 million and \$30.7 million respectively. A reasonable approach would be to average these two numbers, thus giving an estimate of roughly \$20 million, or roughly 6.5% of license revenue collected.

Reforming South Carolina's system of business licensing requires adopting a system by state statute that is both easier for businesses to comply with and for governments to administer and enforce.²⁹ Having a system in which each business must apply for a single business license, enforced by a single jurisdiction (perhaps even a state-wide administrative department) but recognized by all municipalities would be the ideal goal of reform. If this system were integrated with the state income tax system, not only could proper accounting of the fees based on actual annual revenue or income be implemented, but local resources would be conserved, and substantial reductions in compliance costs for businesses would result.

3. Promoting Oversight and Compliance with Other Laws, Taxes, and Reporting Procedures

In theory, licensing laws have their primary justifications in terms of protecting consumers by ensuring the legitimacy of the provider, and making businesses pay revenue to the government that is in line with the public services the business consumes. The first of these is the subject of this section. This is made clear in the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook:

"Licensing of a trade may be referable to the police power of a local governing body when done to regulate avocations that disturb public order, health or morality. However, a business license ordinance enacted to raise revenue is an ordinance levying a tax. *State v. Columbia*, 6 S. C. 1 (1874)...A business license fee is an excise tax levied on the privilege of doing business, and the value of the privilege extended is measured by the business's gross receipts." [Page 1]
"Although business licenses primarily are used as a revenue source, they also may be used to regulate businesses. The business license ordinance may impose health requirements, bonds, regulation of operating hours, etc. Most business license ordinances require a statement that personal property taxes have been paid as a condition for the license. This requirement is considered appropriate under the power to regulate by license ordinance." [Page 4]

At the outset it is critical to understand that this is clearly a process that does not require the duplicative efforts of multiple municipalities, but rather a single clearinghouse for each business in the state. This could be accomplished alternatively by a single state agency or a system of localities each with responsibility for only a fraction of the businesses—the ones that primarily reside in their area. North Carolina's recent reform accomplishes this, albeit temporarily prior to the fees being eliminated entirely, as it currently requires a business to obtain a single license only in the area of its main physical location, even if it serves mul-

²⁹ "SC Code Sec. 5-7-30 contains no general prerequisite that there be a place of business in the taxing municipality," Municipal Association of South Carolina, Business License Handbook, October 2013, page 9

multiple jurisdictions. A simple application of this, for example, is for each business to apply for a license only in the geographic area from which it files its state income taxes (i.e., based on its address for state tax purposes).

In practice, the current licensing is not a check for the legitimacy of the business, but is rather simply a system for revenue collection. Generally, at most, the process requires proof that property taxes have been paid. This same check on the payment of local property taxes for automobiles, in contrast, is done even though the registration process is a state registration.

South Carolina's separate occupational licensing system, along with the long-standing multitude of private and professional certification organizations, is what serves the purpose of ensuring legitimacy. A person would need to be a licensed electrician or board certified CPA, but this is a separate process from the business license process. The system of business licenses serves *solely* as a procedure for a business to pay revenue to county and municipal governments. The system has essentially turned into a new form of taxation, rather than a process of certification. Even in this new capacity, the system performs poorly with its high administrative and enforcement costs per dollar of revenue raised.

Given that the current system does nothing to protect consumers and simply functions as a revenue source and, in some cases, a check that property taxes are paid, the objective of reform should be simplification and lowering the administrative and enforcement costs of revenue collection. As previously mentioned, even the local option sales tax in South Carolina is collected centrally, but then re-distributed to local jurisdictions. Under reform, each business could pay one fee, whether just to one locality or even as part of its state income tax form. The process for fee administration and collection could be handled more effectively and efficiently, and this is a process that can and perhaps should be different from the process of actually distributing the fee revenue.

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4. Reasonable Fees, Linked To the Public Services Provided Or Consumed By Business That Are Not Covered Through Other Forms Of Business Taxation

Returning to the other primary justification for licensing laws, an economic activity (such as a business) should have to contribute to government revenue in line with the public services it consumes or that is provided to it. This purpose is clear in state law: “A business license tax ... is a method of requiring a business or occupation to contribute its share in support of the government ‘as it regards the profits or advantages of such occupations.’ *State v. Hayne*, 4 SC 403 (1873).”³⁰

A new business requires local law enforcement, fire protection, water and sewer, etc. But the business license fee does not exist in isolation, and these fees are wildly inconsistent with the

³⁰ Municipal Association of South Carolina, *Business License Handbook* October 2013, page 1.

actual public services provided to the businesses. Businesses pay other taxes including property taxes on their land, equipment and machinery, and trucks; gasoline and other energy taxes on fuel consumption; income taxes on their profits; and sales taxes on their total sales; etc. In addition, the employees and suppliers pay income tax on their wages and profits (which are costs to the business included in gross income on which fees are based). These taxes already ensure that businesses, and residents alike, help pay for the public services they consume. Fundamentally, the business license fee system is not the place to cover all of these governmental service costs. The business license fee system should charge for the single service it does provide—the oversight of the legitimacy and legal accountability of a business located in the jurisdiction. In some areas, such as Kiawah Island and Seabrook, service provider’s trucks, for example, must pay separate fees to have a sticker to enter the area, making it clear that there are many avenues other than the business license system through which businesses contribute their fair share to cover the costs of the government services they consume.

In economic theory, it is competition between local governments that helps to ensure governments charge reasonable taxes and fees in line with the public services provided. Just as competition between business firms reduces prices for consumers, competition between local governments reduces their ability to charge unreasonably high taxes or fees. If one locality in a metro area has taxes much higher than services provided, a business may move to another locality in the metro area to get a better combination of taxes and public services. While a single location retailer may be able to move between two localities in a metro area based on lower business license fees, for small businesses that have one location but serve a larger geographic area, this competitive process is not at work to help the system improve internally through inter-governmental competition. A service provider must pay to all local municipalities in proportion to their gross revenues earned in each area. So whether it locates in jurisdiction A or B, the total license revenue paid to the two jurisdictions is not affected by the choice of location of the business. It is instead based on the location of the work performed. This defeats and circumvents any notion of inter-governmental competition. Without competitive pressures, the inefficient municipal business license system is unlikely to improve without state-level legislative reforms imposed on the system, reforms that are in the best interest of all South Carolinians.

5. Promoting Competition to Improve Quality and Lower Prices for South Carolina Consumers

Competition among businesses is a powerful regulator that results in lower prices and better quality for South Carolina consumers. Bad restaurants are driven out of business by new and better restaurants, and places charging high prices are driven out of business by more efficient new rivals. Airfares to and from Charleston, for example, have fallen over recent years primarily because of increased competition as new airlines have started providing service.

Unfortunately, South Carolina’s current business license system restricts competition among businesses. A high-quality, low-price painter that has only a Charleston business license cannot compete legally for a job in North Charleston. To compete in each jurisdiction, a license must be obtained. Therefore, particularly in smaller municipalities—where the total number of customers for a business would be small—competition is severely restricted as there are fewer competing producers from whom a consumer can purchase.

31 Maurizi, Alex. 1974. Occupational Licensing and the Public Interest. *The Journal of Political Economy* 82(2): 399-413.

32 Adams, Frank, John Jackson, and Robert Ekelund Jr. 2002. Occupational Licensing in a “Competitive” Labor Market: The Case of Cosmetology. *Journal of Labor Research* 23(2): 261-278.

This is precisely the reason why the current system is so open to manipulation for political gain. A politically well-connected, but high profit business or industry that charges consumers high prices for lower quality service can try to manipulate and use the local government licensing process to keep out or limit the number of competitors—particularly if they can secure differential (lower) rates for local owners and higher rates for ‘outsiders’—and keep in mind that these ‘outsider’ businesses may be located within a few miles of the jurisdiction’s boundaries. This is not simply conjecture; the use of licensing laws to restrict competition is a long and widely studied area in the academic literature in economics [see, for example, Maurizi (1974)].³¹

The higher prices for South Carolinians may be substantial. At the national level, for example, licensing laws for a single industry—cosmetology—is estimated to reduce competition enough to create losses for consumers approaching over \$1.7 billion [see Adams, Jackson, and Ekelund (2002)].³² In addition to the higher costs to South Carolina consumers from reduced competition, consumers are also the ones who end up bearing higher prices that businesses need to charge to pay, and comply with, these license fee taxes. Based on fiscal year 2013 revenue data (presented in the next section), business license fees per household in the average area amount to approximately \$500 annually, and this does not even include the additional costs businesses must incur to comply with the laws in terms of time spent on application paperwork and recordkeeping. As a result, the average household in the state not only

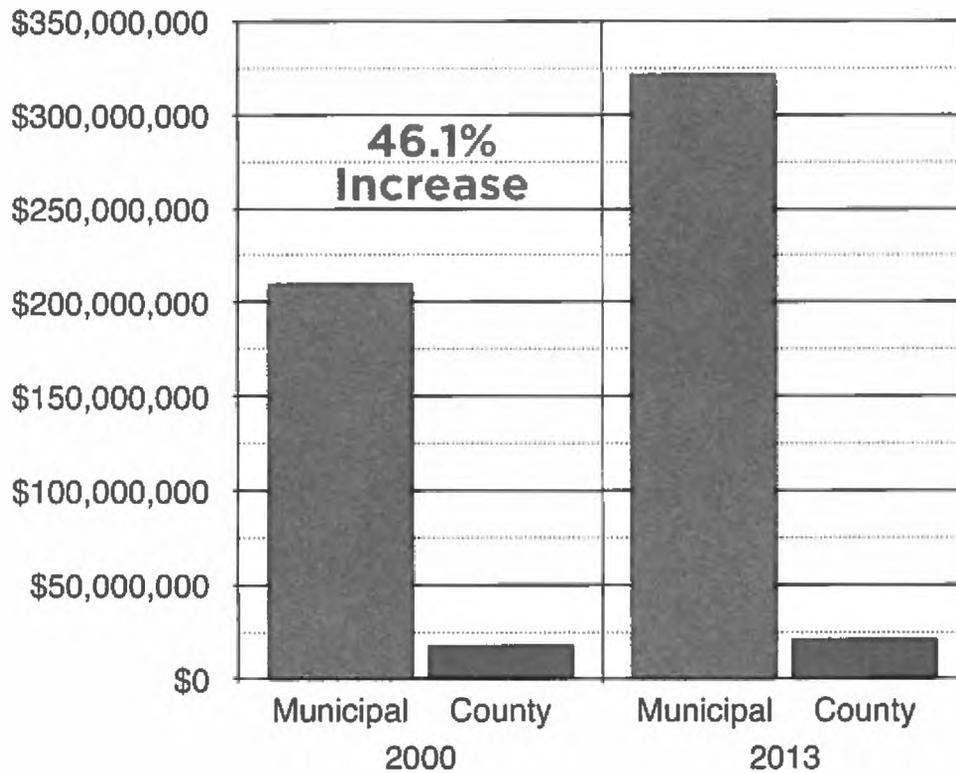
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pays more per year for what it consumes due to the license fees passed on to them through higher prices, but also pays more due to reduced competition causing prices to be even higher than just by the amount necessary to cover the costs of the system imposed on businesses. This problem is exacerbated if one recalls the pyramiding examples discussed earlier. Ultimately, the cost for a buyer purchasing a new home includes the costs (including these license fees) for the builder, all the subcontractors, and all of their raw material suppliers.

Perhaps ironically, the political opposition to reform may be quite different from the political support for creating the system in the first place. Long ago, when small mom-and-pop service providers did not want competition in their area, they would support a restrictive licensing system. However, today’s small business is no longer that small and narrow. Modern small businesses that were interviewed see the current licensing system as limiting their ability to succeed and never discussed the fear of increased local competition. Mostly gone are the days of very small, localized entrepreneurs—one person with one truck serving a community. While small businesses may have supported a licensing system in the past—those days are long over as current small businesses want the opportunity to do their business without the cumbersome process imposed by the current system. As the system stands today, the compliance costs are a larger expense to small businesses than is the threat of increased competitive pressures. If any political constituency would fight meaningful and productive reform, it would likely be the local governments and the employees who have jobs due to the complexity of the

³³ Data for 2000 were converted to 2013 constant dollars for comparability with the 2013 values using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

Figure 1: The Growth of Business License Tax Revenue (inflation adjusted)



system. When governments are the only political constituency for an inefficient program, their obvious disconnect with the well-being of state citizens becomes obvious.

Government policy should protect consumers by ensuring competitive markets and competition. Ideal reform would embody these principles by ensuring that each business does have a license, but has the right to compete for customers throughout the state. On the flip side, South Carolinians should be able to purchase goods and services from whom they see fit—those businesses who provide quality at a low cost—regardless of whether those firms reside 1 mile away, 10 miles away, or 50-plus miles away.

6. Ensuring Businesses Have the Money Necessary to Grow – Why Revenue Can’t Be The Justification

The business license system has become simply a revenue source to fund local budget wish lists. It’s a tax that was never intended or envisioned to reach the current levels, and it oversteps the state-delegated taxing authority given to municipalities by basing the fees on gross revenue without regard to costs, profit, or public services provided to the business.

In fiscal year 2013, counties and municipalities in the state collected over \$300 million in business license fee revenue. To put this in perspective, the revenue amounts to roughly \$860 per business firm in the state, and approximately \$500 per household. It has become a major source of local revenue, not constrained by intergovernmental competition. One electrical contractor serving the Charleston area, with \$1.9 million in revenue, reports paying approximately \$6,000 per year in total license fees across all of the jurisdictions that it serves.

County and Municipal license fee taxes have grown substantially through time. Since

2000, even after adjusting for inflation, there has been a 46.1 percent increase in total business license tax revenues in the state, as is shown in Figure 1.³³ The percentage growth shown in Figure 1 has occurred about equally at both the county and municipality level. Again, the data shown in Figure 1 are corrected for the effects of inflation—these increases are increases in real tax burdens. South Carolinians are paying almost 50 percent more in business license taxes than just over a decade ago. Without legislative action and reform, this rapid growth in taxes will continue.

At a more local level, Tables 1 and 2 give the average annual business license revenues for South Carolina counties (Table 1) and municipalities (Table 2) for fiscal years 2009 through 2013. These data are not the totals over the four years, but the average amount per year during that period. This data is from the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office’s Local Government Finance Report as of December 10, 2014. The data show both the average annual revenue collections, as well as revenue per household in the area. Obviously, larger cities will have more revenue, and computing the amount per local household allows a better understanding of the true relative tax burden that is paid by local households when they purchase goods and services in their area.³⁴

Table 1: County Government Business License Revenue

County	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Barnwell	\$664,489	\$74.93
Beaufort	\$1,422,633	\$22.26
Charleston	\$2,803,441	\$20.35
Darlington	\$480	\$0.02
Dorchester	\$647,658	\$12.00
Horry	\$4,067,542	\$38.33
Jasper	\$349,798	\$35.77
Lancaster	\$616	\$0.02
Marion	\$105,002	\$8.12
Orangeburg	\$206	\$0.01
Richland	\$6,098,094	\$40.31
Sumter	\$716,721	\$16.99
Williamsburg	\$5,070	\$0.38
County Total	\$16,881,750	
County Average	\$1,298,596	\$32.85

Data sources: S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Local Government Finance Report; and U.S. Census Bureau population and household data.

³³ Data for 2000 were converted to 2013 constant dollars for comparability with the 2013 values using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

³⁴ To arrive at house hold level averages, actual county and municipal level populations were obtained from the 2010 U.S. Census, and converted to the number of households using the average number of persons per household in South Carolina (this household-persons average is for the 2009-2013 period from the U.S. Census Bureau of 2.55)

Table 2: Municipal Government Business License Revenue

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Abbeville	\$1,190,690	\$580.88
Aiken	\$5,564,584	\$478.48
Allendale	\$126,654	\$93.42
Anderson	\$3,975,508	\$383.82
Andrews	\$127,412	\$113.60
Arcadia Lakes	\$14,011	\$41.40
Atlantic Beach	\$74,210	\$563.20
Awendaw	\$24,146	\$47.55
Aynor	\$108,769	\$491.77
Bamberg	\$279,756	\$197.89
Barnwell	\$852,502	\$457.56
Batesburg-Leesville	\$703,693	\$334.40
Beaufort	\$3,571,860	\$729.07
Belton	\$471,597	\$289.15
Bennettsville	\$703,401	\$197.56
Bethune	\$36,066	\$275.36
Bishopville	\$409,206	\$300.80
Blacksburg	\$263,639	\$363.20
Blackville	\$93,745	\$99.31
Blenheim	\$11,678	\$193.36
Bluffton	\$2,169,166	\$424.61
Blythewood	\$419,135	\$516.08
Bonneau	\$49,882	\$260.65
Bowman	\$95,469	\$252.01
Branchville	\$84,851	\$211.71
Brunson	\$1,898	\$8.77
Calhoun Falls	\$262,113	\$334.53
Camden	\$1,522,496	\$566.27
Cameron	\$27,063	\$163.53
Campobello	\$92,583	\$468.43
Carlisle	\$12,810	\$75.09

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Cayce	\$2,473,042	\$502.49
Central	\$295,515	\$145.50
Central Pacolet	\$2,059	\$24.31
Chapin	\$397,555	\$698.67
Charleston	\$25,282,247	\$533.66
Cheraw	\$643,844	\$280.94
Chesnee	\$73,777	\$216.49
Chester	\$145,704	\$66.28
Chesterfield	\$229,278	\$399.36
Clemson	\$1,189,981	\$217.41
Clinton	\$678,869	\$203.52
Clio	\$12,774	\$44.93
Clover	\$685,025	\$340.84
Columbia	\$20,301,382	\$397.18
Conway	\$3,699,894	\$542.41
Cope	\$3,753	\$124.27
Cordova	\$20,458	\$308.69
Cottageville	\$12,692	\$42.25
Coward	\$36,858	\$124.32
Cowpens	\$281,276	\$331.45
Cross Hill	\$709	\$3.59
Darlington	\$869,169	\$352.53
Denmark	\$218,684	\$158.06
Dillon	\$799,411	\$298.77
Donalds	\$60	\$0.44
Due West	\$204,256	\$418.02
Duncan	\$156,953	\$125.58
Easley	\$2,450,370	\$311.64
Eastover	\$6,462	\$20.22
Edgefield	\$222,833	\$119.58
Edisto Beach	\$265,888	\$1633.77

Table 2: Municipal Government Business License Revenue (continued)

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Ehrhardt	\$25,365	\$118.03
Elgin	\$86,268	\$167.42
Elko	\$868	\$11.47
Eloree	\$17,986	\$65.43
Estill	\$95,898	\$119.99
Eutawville	\$27,898	\$226.56
Fairfax	\$149,439	\$189.49
Florence	\$7,093,262	\$486.69
Folly Beach	\$468,896	\$455.85
Forest Acres	\$1,131,460	\$277.21
Fort Lawn	\$47,912	\$136.51
Fort Mill	\$2,033,571	\$450.65
Fountain Inn	\$395,759	\$131.56
Furman	\$2,533	\$27.25
Gaffney	\$2,017,665	\$409.70
Gaston	\$105,061	\$162.96
Georgetown	\$2,373,902	\$660.78
Gilbert	\$2,516	\$11.33
Goose Creek	\$4,787,739	\$335.63
Govan	\$514	\$20.16
Gray Court	\$83,129	\$266.30
Great Falls	\$30,268	\$39.00
Greeleyville	\$17,981	\$106.63
Greenville	\$21,157,921	\$909.29
Greenwood	\$2,907,005	\$318.01
Greer	\$3,992,933	\$395.89
Hampton	\$620,375	\$564.58
Hanahan	\$1,108,460	\$156.37
Hardeeville	\$850,144	\$715.94
Harleyville	\$97,779	\$366.67
Hartsville	\$1,420,059	\$465.62

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Heath Springs	\$73,849	\$237.47
Hemingway	\$196,437	\$1,093.70
Hickory Grove	\$17,689	\$102.05
Hilton Head Island	\$7,276,289	\$497.89
Hodges	\$39,519	\$650.15
Holly Hill	\$289,710	\$580.33
Hollywood	\$74,562	\$40.25
Honea Path	\$312,328	\$223.40
Inman	\$434,264	\$472.23
Irmo	\$1,555,704	\$354.90
Isle Of Palms	\$1,791,945	\$1,103.20
Jackson	\$50,977	\$76.20
James Island	\$140,022	\$31.86
Jamestown	\$13,969	\$494.73
Jefferson	\$59,102	\$200.41
Jenkinsville	\$5,224	\$289.61
Johnsonville	\$145,073	\$249.62
Johnston	\$162,365	\$175.21
Jonesville	\$81,070	\$227.67
Kershaw	\$201,455	\$283.66
Kiawah Island	\$1,618,350	\$2,531.78
Kingstree	\$575,249	\$441.17
Lake City	\$783,424	\$299.02
Lake View	\$45,870	\$144.58
Lamar	\$85,910	\$221.28
Lancaster	\$1,668,459	\$497.20
Landrum	\$71,058	\$76.04
Latta	\$144,649	\$266.90
Laurens	\$1,012,467	\$282.53
Lexington	\$3,542,627	\$502.43
Liberty	\$345,353	\$269.64

Table 2: Municipal Government Business License Revenue (continued)

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13		Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household		Total	Per Household
Lincolnton	\$2,940	\$6.57	North	\$18,938	\$62.88
Little Mountain	\$1,843	\$16.09	North Augusta	\$2,679,091	\$319.16
Livingston	\$2,109	\$39.55	North Charleston	\$23,352,943	\$606.85
Lodge	\$121	\$2.57	North Myrtle Beach	\$4,717,753	\$867.05
Loris	\$592,953	\$629.49	Norway	\$6,008	\$45.59
Lowrys	\$7,921	\$100.99	Olanta	\$22,746	\$102.84
Luray	\$2,604	\$52.29	Olar	\$1,500	\$14.88
Lyman	\$289,994	\$227.60	Orangeburg	\$2,737,078	\$500.58
Lynchburg	\$22,722	\$155.34	Pacolet	\$153,521	\$174.92
Manning	\$748,270	\$463.92	Pageland	\$261,635	\$242.43
Marion	\$1,020,369	\$376.00	Pamplico	\$102,434	\$212.71
Mauldin	\$2,816,891	\$309.63	Parksville	\$4,191	\$91.35
Maysville	\$37,701	\$131.51	Patrick	\$672	\$4.88
McBee	\$69,737	\$204.40	Pawleys Island	\$493,896	\$12,227.52
McClellanville	\$67,267	\$341.70	Paxville	\$4,685	\$62.88
McColl	\$48,142	\$56.57	Peak	\$2,539	\$101.18
McConnells	\$15,505	\$155.05	Pelion	\$78,257	\$291.32
McCormick	\$163,514	\$149.82	Pelzer	\$78,044	\$2,236.09
Meggett	\$108,946	\$225.31	Pendleton	\$188,273	\$159.02
Moncks Corner	\$1,278,055	\$408.55	Perry	\$10,468	\$114.08
Monetta	\$9,932	\$109.64	Pickens	\$564,732	\$460.53
Mount Croghan	\$14,102	\$184.42	Pine Ridge	\$124,195	\$152.92
Mount Pleasant	\$11,798,086	\$441.96	Pinewood	\$36,964	\$175.20
Mullins	\$498,198	\$272.56	Plum Branch	\$52	\$1.62
Myrtle Beach	\$17,766,596	\$1,664.21	Pomaria	\$22,026	\$313.77
Neeses	\$17,114	\$117.00	Port Royal	\$810,798	\$192.29
New Ellenton	\$49,879	\$61.89	Prosperity	\$103,157	\$222.55
Newberry	\$1,284,283	\$318.17	Quinby	\$24,512	\$67.43
Nichols	\$33,225	\$230.85	Ravenel	\$77,996	\$80.59
Ninety Six	\$169,287	\$211.71	Reevesville	\$20,562	\$266.16
Norris	\$31,747	\$99.57	Reidville	\$6,415	\$27.17

Table 2: Municipal Government Business License Revenue (continued)

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13		Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household		Total	Per Household
Richburg	\$33,839	\$313.78	Sullivan's Island	\$742,670	\$1,053.87
Ridge Spring	\$58,519	\$201.93	Summerton	\$55,933	\$143.06
Ridgeland	\$604,986	\$381.39	Summerville	\$6,121,537	\$360.61
Ridgeville	\$48,971	\$62.97	Summit	\$22,896	\$145.23
Ridgeway	\$89,742	\$719.63	Sumter	\$5,036,489	\$316.39
Rock Hill	\$7,295,621	\$279.49	Surfside Beach	\$1,671,277	\$1,106.66
Rockville	\$10,090	\$192.02	Swansea	\$104,042	\$319.26
Rowesville	\$3,015	\$25.29	Sycamore	\$2,964	\$42.22
Saint George	\$261,172	\$318.20	Tatum	\$63	\$2.14
Saint Matthews	\$97,087	\$122.86	Tega Cay	\$652,908	\$214.39
Saint Stephen	\$167,896	\$251.99	Timmonsville	\$187,771	\$202.89
Salem	\$30,959	\$537.04	Travelers Rest	\$283,290	\$156.43
Salley	\$34,685	\$218.93	Trenton	\$50,160	\$652.60
Saluda	\$332,984	\$238.11	Troy	\$4,890	\$134.09
Santee	\$189,520	\$503.94	Turbeville	\$41,092	\$125.94
Scranton	\$69,092	\$204.63	Ulmer	\$2,686	\$79.64
Seabrook Island	\$468,242	\$695.00	Union	\$1,041,637	\$317.12
Seneca	\$1,833,527	\$573.96	Vance	\$7,914	\$118.71
Sharon	\$36,074	\$185.09	Varnville	\$78,405	\$92.56
Silverstreet	\$123	\$1.94	Wagener	\$27,198	\$86.80
Simpsonville	\$2,490,184	\$344.12	Walhalla	\$328,466	\$197.22
Six Mile	\$66,683	\$251.91	Walterboro	\$1,778,805	\$838.90
Smoaks	\$9,749	\$197.29	Ware Shoals	\$156,835	\$184.04
Smyrna	\$2,469	\$139.92	Waterloo	\$14,669	\$235.26
Snelling	\$188,140	\$1,750.94	Wellford	\$211,490	\$226.50
Society Hill	\$3,825	\$17.32	West Columbia	\$2,204,243	\$364.04
South Congaree	\$195,048	\$215.50	West Pelzer	\$62,444	\$183.24
Spartanburg	\$9,080,948	\$624.80	West Union	\$35,251	\$291.85
Springdale	\$307,014	\$296.55	Westminster	\$95,613	\$99.80
Springfield	\$7,823	\$38.14	Whitmire	\$115,177	\$203.39
Stuckey	\$14,233	\$148.14	Williams	\$161	\$3.51

Table 2: Municipal Government Business License Revenue (continued)

Municipality	Average Annual Revenue FY 2009-13	
	Total	Per Household
Williamston	\$152,309	\$98.38
Williston	\$165,897	\$134.81
Winnsboro	\$426,952	\$308.16
Woodford	\$197	\$2.72
Woodruff	\$406,759	\$253.48
Yemassee	\$87,475	\$218.05
York	\$588,305	\$193.55
Municipal Total	\$283,622,754	
Municipal Average	\$1,112,246	\$462.36

Data sources: S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, Local Government Finance Report; and U.S. Census Bureau population and household data.

The data presented in Table 1 show that 13 of the 46 county-level governments in South Carolina reported having business license tax revenue during one or more of these 5 fiscal years. On average, annually, these counties collected almost \$16.9 million in business license revenue, or an average of \$32.85 per household within their boundaries. Because a business must both have a city and a county license, these fees are in addition to the fees paid at the city/municipality level. Equivalent data for the cities and municipalities in South Carolina are presented in Table 2. During this period 255 of the 270 municipalities in the state reported having positive revenue in at least one year. On average, annually, these municipalities collected just over \$283.6 million in fee revenue, or an average of \$462.36 per household within their boundaries. Again, these fees are in addition to the fees paid at the county level.

Thus, a typical household in the City of Columbia bears higher costs for the goods and services they buy equal to the sum of the amounts for the City of Columbia (\$397.18) and the County of Richland (\$40.31) for a total of \$437.49. Similarly, the City of Charleston (\$533.66) combined with the County of Charleston (\$20.35) amounts to \$554.01. Across all jurisdictions the average combined amount is \$495.21.

One can also see the large variation across jurisdictions. The jurisdictions with the highest per-household fee revenue are the smaller residential beach towns, with ten municipalities exceeding \$1,000 per household.

The 'hidden' cost of all government revenue is that while it does fund certain government activities, these come at the expense of the activities that could have been undertaken with these resources had they been left in the hands of the person or entity paying them. When state government takes \$100 of my income in taxes, we get \$100 in state government services, but I no longer have the \$100 to spend on goods and services for myself. Thus, the system of government revenue doesn't create—it replaces—substituting government provided goods and services for those that I would have chosen to purchase for myself.

For a business, each dollar paid in fees is one less dollar they may use to invest in growing their business—purchasing inventory, supplies, new machinery, trucks, opening a new location, hiring another employee, and so forth. This represents money that businesses no longer can use to invest and grow. This reduced growth means fewer new jobs created, fewer new locations, and fewer customers served—all translating into reduced income and wealth in the state. Recall that the system is particularly burdensome precisely on the smallest new businesses that wish to serve a metro area.

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A quick comparison of the census-defined metropolitan statistical areas (MSA's) for Charleston and Columbia can help to illustrate the degree to which these tax differentials translate into higher costs of living, and a lower standard of living, for residents. In 2012 the MSA's had almost an identical number of business establishments, with Charleston MSA at 16,694 and the Columbia MSA at 16,642. In addition, small businesses in both areas that travel have to deal with about the same number of total county and municipal licenses, 30 in the Columbia MSA and 29 in the Charleston MSA. The big difference however, is that the total business license tax revenue is twice as high in the Charleston MSA (\$83.44 million versus \$42.47 million), meaning the same number of businesses pay twice as much in local taxes, even though they pay the same state and federal taxes.

The result of this higher level of business license fee taxes is a burden on local consumers. According to the Bankrate Cost of Living Calculator [available at <http://www.bankrate.com/calculators/savings/moving-cost-of-living-calculator.aspx>], the cost of living is 9.9% higher in the Charleston MSA. Of the 58 items they compare (from the cost of Sugar and Shampoo to Washer Repairs and Dry Cleaning Services), 70 percent of these items are more expensive in Charleston. Most importantly, when one views the items most subject to the problems created by the overly complex licensing system, the cost differential grows. For example, while the cost of a haircut, a business having to deal with only one municipal license (and one county), averages only slightly (1.2%) higher in Charleston (\$14.50 versus \$14.33), the cost of a washer repair, a business that travels and must deal with the multitude of permits, is substantially more (15.8%) in the Charleston MSA (\$86.48 versus \$74.66). Cases in which the taxes pyramid the worst by taxing multiple times show large differentials as well, such as in homebuilding, where the average new home price is 29 percent higher in the Charleston MSA.

The opponents of reforms that would cap the maximum fee, such as the system recently adopted in North Carolina, generally cite only one basis for their objections—lower local government revenue. But revenue alone cannot, and should not, be the single justification for levying a tax or fee. If it were, we could justify taxing people based on the number of hairs on their head, or the number of buttons on their shirts; or tax businesses based on the number of letters in the company name. Regardless of the revenue it would generate, these are not legitimate ways to charge citizens for public services provided. The revenue raised should be collected in a simple, fair, and efficient manner that is linked to the public services consumed. As addressed earlier, these are mainly already covered under other taxes, and bear little resemblance to the patchwork of license fee structures across the state.

Reforms in Other States

In 2014, the state legislature in North Carolina undertook substantial reform of its system of business licensing.³⁵ HB 1050 repealed the business privilege license tax in the state as of July 1, 2015. In the meantime, municipalities are only allowed to levy business license tax if the business is physically within their boundaries. The action, which came as a recommendation of the Revenue Laws Study Committee was passed as part of a larger omnibus tax reform bill that significantly improves North Carolina's overall tax system.

The justifications for the reforms enacted in North Carolina were the same issues currently present in South Carolina's system. Consider the following quotes from the discussion of the justification for reform in North Carolina:³⁶

"...[fees] vary significantly across localities, creating considerable confusion and administrative costs... What's more, municipalities have free reign to charge multiple privilege taxes simultaneously, or grant exceptions to certain trades...Another bewildering aspect of these taxes hinges upon the broad definition of what it means to be 'doing business' in a locality, which does not necessarily require that a business or franchise be physically located within a city's borders"

"...originally instituted on the simple basis that it would allow the state government to identify every business that participates in the state's economy, was never meant to become a steady source of revenue for municipal governments...these 'license' privilege taxes –a name which is slightly misleading, as these are usually not contingent upon meeting any additional certification standards. North Carolina's patchwork... violates the principle of neutrality that is essential for sound tax policy. The tax also fails the test of transparency, as it is largely hidden in the form of higher prices for goods and services for consumers."

Similarly, Alabama's Business License Reform Act of 2006 was enacted in an attempt to make the local patchwork system more uniform through their state. HB 754 reads:³⁷

"...to provide a statewide uniform system for the issuance and calculation of the cost of municipal business licenses; to promulgate a common business license application form for use by all municipalities; to provide a uniform definition of "gross receipts" and "delivery license;" to provide for a uniform system for the municipal business license audit process and the taxpayer's appeal of municipal business license assessments and for the filing of claims for and payment of refunds; to provide uniform statutes of limitation for assessments and refunds that substantially conform with their counterparts for municipal sales and use taxes; to allow municipalities to lawfully exchange tax information related to business license taxpayers; and to provide delayed effective dates and transition rules."

35 See "North Carolina Builds on Tax Reform, Repealing Burdensome Local Privilege Taxes," by Liz Emanuel, June 5, 2014 [<http://taxfoundation.org/blog/north-carolina-builds-tax-reform-repealing-burdensome-local-privilegetaxes/>], "NC Retail Merchants Applaud Reform Of The Business License Tax," May 29, 2014 [<http://mediapartnersinc.com/news/nc-retail-merchants-applaud-reform-of-the-business-license-tax/>] and "McCrory Signs NC Bill Setting Business Tax Repeal," May 30, 2014 [http://www.independenttribune.com/news/mccrory-signs-nc-billsetting-business-tax-repeal/article_b638c60a-e804-11e3-8f7c-001a4bc6878.html].

36 Both of these quotes are from "North Carolina Builds on Tax Reform, Repealing Burdensome Local Privilege Taxes," by Liz Emanuel, June 5, 2014 [<http://taxfoundation.org/blog/north-carolina-builds-tax-reform-repealingburdensome-local-privilege-taxes/>].

37 Quoted from HB754 available at: <http://www.amroa.org/HB754Final.pdf>

South Carolina is not alone in having issues with its system of business licensing—other states have recognized the same issues as well—and they are acting to adopt state-level reforms to address the issues. South Carolina is quickly falling behind North Carolina in measures of growth and prosperity, precisely because North Carolina has undertaken significant policy reforms to improve their system of taxation and business licensing.

Conclusion

Reforms to South Carolina's system of business licensing have a real potential to promote entrepreneurship and increase prosperity in the state. Several simple reforms could do much good to help promote small business activity in the state, as well as significantly lower the system's administrative and enforcement costs that detract from the net revenue it generates. These reforms must be done at the state legislative level, as most of the rules governing the complex system are a creature of state statutory law.

The current system is cumbersome and complex, and the burden of it falls on the State's small businesses and consumers. The basic functions the system serves could be maintained through the establishment of a unified, state-wide, business licensing system. The license could be administered and enforced either centrally by the State, or by the locality from which the business files its state income taxes.³⁸ This one license would be recognized by all counties and municipalities within the State. A uniform system with only one or very few rate structures and classes should be adopted.

While it would be desirable to lower the fees so that businesses would be able to have lower costs and invest more in their own growth (by adopting a cap as the South Carolina legislature has done in the past), even a revenue-neutral reform could fix many of the current compliance issues. If businesses were required to report revenue by jurisdiction (as they do now), a centralized single fee could be collected and the revenue distributed among the localities as is currently done with the local-option sales tax. If the process were incorporated as part of an annual state income tax form, the business license payments could even more accurately reflect the true business revenue generated

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in each area, through a system similar to the income tax, in which withholding is rectified with actual tax due based on final incomes at the end of the year.

The cost savings for local government budgets from lower administrative and enforcement costs would be substantial. This could not only allow them to re-direct these resources toward other important local government functions, but in theory could allow even lower fee rates that could generate the same net revenue.

South Carolina's patchwork system of business licensing has become outdated, overly complex, repurposed, and subject to manipulation and interpretation. Many potential reforms could be adopted with widespread support from all citizen groups involved in the process. Given the current state of the economy, now is the time for the South Carolina legislature to pursue reforms to the Palmetto State's system of business licensing in order to promote economic growth and provide a more prosperous future for all South Carolinians.

³⁸ A state license tax however, may be held unconstitutional based on the precedent in the 1930 case of *Martin v Chief Game Warden*. see Quirk, William J. "Nature of a Business License Tax." *South Carolina Law Review*, Vol. 32, 1981, page 483, however this proposal is different from a state-wide license because the revenue is returned to the localities.

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Type of Assistance

The REALTORS® Relief Foundation, has set up a fund for persons who have suffered losses due to the recent flooding in South Carolina. This application is for South Carolina residents who have suffered property damage to their primary residence as a result of the severe flooding event that took place on October 2015. Assistance is available to qualified applicants for one of the following options: **1) Monthly mortgage expense for the primary residence or; 2) Cost of temporary shelter due to displacement from the primary residence resulting from the October 2015 floods.** Relief assistance is limited to a maximum of \$1,000 per applicant and one grant per residence. **Deadline for application submission is December 31, 2015.**

Eligibility

Recipient must be a full-time South Carolina resident and U.S. citizen or legally admitted for residence in the United States. **You must include proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or other governmental documentation evidencing residency) with this application.**

Confidentiality

All information provided on the form will remain confidential and will be available only to those who need to confirm eligibility for assistance and to those who process the assistance to be provided. This includes providing a copy of this application to the applicant's lender or landlord, if requested. It will not be shared with other parties for any other purpose.

Disbursement of Funds

In order to provide for a reasonable and equitable distribution of funds, assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis. All grants are contingent upon the availability of funds. The REALTORS® Relief Foundation reserves the right to accept or reject any application and, for good and sufficient reasons, to cancel any grant that it has made. The Foundation also reserves the right to change the application criteria at any time. Grants will be jointly payable to applicant and mortgage lender/landlord.

Please complete ALL information to be considered for assistance:

Full Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Street Address of Damaged Property: _____

Unit # _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mobile Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____ Estimated annual income: \$ _____

Please check the following.

<u>TYPE of DWELLING</u>	<u>OWN or RENT</u>	<u>PRIMARY RESIDENCE?</u>
Single family home <input type="checkbox"/>	Own <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Condo/Townhome <input type="checkbox"/>	Rent <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other: (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/>		

Total Estimated Loss: \$ _____ Estimated Uninsurable Loss: \$ _____

(PLEASE ATTACH INSURANCE ESTIMATE IF AVAILABLE)

HAVE YOU BEEN DISPLACED FROM YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE?

YES
NO

TYPE OF REQUEST:

MORTGAGE
HOUSING ASSISTANCE

If Yes, Estimated Length of Displacement: _____

Please fill out the applicable box below:

Name of Lender/Mortgage Servicer: _____	
Website Address: _____	Telephone # _____
Mortgage Loan Account # _____	Monthly Payment: _____
<u>REQUIRED: Please include a copy of your last mortgage statement, including payment amount and balance owed.</u>	
Name of Landlord/Shelter Provider: _____	
Telephone # of Landlord or Shelter Provider: _____	Monthly Payment: _____
<u>REQUIRED: Please include a copy of your rental agreement or proof of temporary housing costs (receipts)</u>	

YOU MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO SHOW PROOF OF DAMAGE TO YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE. PLEASE CHECK TO INDICATE YOU ARE ATTACHING THE FOLLOWING:

- Copy of last mortgage statement or rental agreement or proof of temporary housing costs (receipts)
- Copy of South Carolina Driver's License
- Pictures of damages
- Copies of written claims, settlement proceeds, or claim status reports (if applicable)
- Copies of repair estimates from contractors (if applicable)
- Other (describe) _____

Please provide a brief description of the damages that you have incurred: _____

**Please detail any financial assistance you have received from other sources by including 1.) The name of the provider
2.) Description of assistance and 3.) The total amount received.** _____

Declaration of Application

By signing this application, I verify that all information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the REALTORS® Relief Foundation may request additional information before approving this request. (Unsigned and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted.)

I HAVE COMPLETED THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHED ALL SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AS REQUIRED.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant Printed Name: _____

Address to which check should be mailed if approved:

Full Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail or Email completed application to:

South Carolina Association of REALTORS®
Attn: REALTORS® Relief Foundation
3780 Fernandina Road Columbia, SC 29210
Email: relief@screaltors.org or Fax to: 803-798-6650

For Inquiries: 803-772-5206 | Website: www.screaltors.org/relief

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We have reviewed the attached South Carolina Flood Disaster Relief funding application and recommend to the REALTORS® Relief Foundation that it be considered for funding.

Recommended Amount: _____

Special Notes: _____ Signature of CEO: _____

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Date Received: _____ Amount Approved/Processed: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Special Notes: _____

Mottel, Haley

From: Priester, Nicole
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 4:14 PM
To: Nick Kremydas
Cc: Mottel, Haley
Subject: RE: Leadership Meeting

Nick,

I am very sorry for the confusion. I now have your group on the Governor's schedule for Thursday, December 3rd at 3:00 PM.

Thank you so much!
Nicole

From: Nick Kremydas [mailto:nick@screaltors.org]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:51 PM
To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Leadership Meeting

Yes, thank you. I'm glad to know that I'm not the only one working late all the time. :)

I appreciate the quick response.

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Nick E. Kremydas, Esq., RCE | Chief Executive Officer
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On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 9:49 PM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

We can do the 20th at 11:00 AM. Does that work?

From: Nick Kremydas [mailto:nick@screaltors.org]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 9:48 PM

To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Leadership Meeting

No worries at all.

We're in San Diego that week for national REALTOR meetings and can't make the 13th.

How about the 18th, 19th or 20th?

Thanks,

--

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On Mon, Oct 26, 2015 at 8:59 PM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Nick,

Thank you for reaching out about this. I apologize for my delayed response, but I was out of the office today assisting at a disaster relief center. If we could reschedule the meeting this Thursday, that would be wonderful. The recovery and relief efforts are still in full swing this week. Can we possible reschedule for Friday, November 13th at 2:00 PM in the Governor's Office?

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding.

Nicole

From: Nick Kremydas [mailto:nick@screaltors.org]
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2015 10:59 AM

To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: Re: Leadership Meeting

Nicole,

I was checking to see if our meeting with Gov. Haley is still good for this week. Let me know if we need to reschedule due to her flood relief efforts.

Thanks,

--
Nick E. Kremydas, Esq., RCE | Chief Executive Officer

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On Fri, Sep 4, 2015 at 10:27 AM, Nick Kremydas <nick@screaltors.org> wrote:

We would like to discuss the upcoming legislative session, specifically tax reform (property).

Attendees:

Fritzi Barbour, President

David Kent, President Elect

David Phillips, Treasurer

Laura Derrick, Secretary

Randy Harrison, Past President

Nick Kremydas

Our 3 new lobbyists (Sara Patterson, Lindsay Jackson, Shelby Herbkersman)

Let me know if you need anything else.

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On Wed, Sep 2, 2015 at 11:24 AM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Nick,

In regards to the October 29th meeting at 2:00 PM, can you send me a little background on what you would like to discuss with the Governor? Also, can you please send a list of attendees for that meeting?

Thanks,

Nicole

From: Nick Kremydas [<mailto:nick@screaltors.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 2:35 PM

To: Priester, Nicole

Subject: Re: Leadership Meeting

Yes, thank you! I'll send a list of names as we get closer to the date.

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On Tue, Jul 21, 2015 at 2:30 PM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

What about October 29th at 2:00 PM?

From: Nick Kremydas [<mailto:nick@screaltors.org>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 11:28 AM

To: Priester, Nicole

Subject: Re: Leadership Meeting

Would any other day that week work? I'm scheduled to speak to the Georgetown Rotary club on the 27th.

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On Mon, Jul 20, 2015 at 11:17 AM, Priester, Nicole <NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

Nick,

I hope you are doing well. Thanks for your email last week. Governor Haley is available to meet on Tuesday, October 27th at 2:00 PM in the Governor's Office. Will this date and time work? Do you mind sending me a list of attendees a few days prior to the meeting?

Thanks,
Nicole

Nicole Priester

Scheduler | Office of Governor Nikki Haley

NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov

From: Nick Kremydas [<mailto:nick@screaltors.org>]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 9:12 AM
To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: RE: Leadership Meeting

Nicole,

I hope this email finds you well!

I'm trying to schedule a leadership meeting with Gov. Haley. My officers annually meet with the Governor, and the leadership of the House and Senate and wanted to see if you could help arrange that--anytime between now and November would work, no rush.

Thanks!

—

Nick E. Kremydas, Esq., RCE | Chief Executive Officer

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Webb, Beth

From: Kevin Crutchfield <kevin@cascosigns.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 8:21 AM
To: 'Roger Lowe'
Cc: 'Rhonda Jackson'; 'Georgia Lewis'; Webb, Beth
Subject: RE: Required Licenses for sign installation in South Carolina

Good Afternoon Mr. Lowe,

I hope all is great with you. Thank you for your reply. I understand your mission and I have to say it aligns with our mission within our industry as well. Just to clarify, we do not install Billboards, our business in commercial signs for advertising and identification purposes. I am confident that there is sufficient definition within your building code regulations that could be interpreted to apply to our field of expertise. What I do not understand is that I cannot find one sign company on your list of licensed contractors in the state of SC. They may exist, but I spent well over two hours searching and could not find one.

I do not take issue the state of SC wants to implement the need for licenses and some type of certification for our industry. It does seem reasonable that we would be notified of the new requirement and given a grace period for our implementation. I sit on the board for the Southern States Sign Association and have many industry friends in SC. I have discussed this topic with several of my associates I know personally in your state that manufacture and install signs and do not have any of the licenses you mention below. How is it possible that SC has this requirement, but none of the major players in our industry in your state are aware of it. It simply because up to this point, it has not been a requirement across the state of SC.

I do not recall exactly, but it has been over five years ago, that I contacted the state of SC regarding the requirements for an electrical license to connect signs in your state and I was told, that as long as the electrical portion of the scope of work was less than \$5000, then a license was not required. I regret that I cannot recall specifically with whom I spoke to.

Our industry just needs to be equally regulated in your state. Sign manufactures and installer do not need to know how to build a building or wire a power plant to perform the scope of work safely. There should be regulation, but the regulation should fit the application.

I will plan to attend the April 16th meeting and look forward to the opportunity to work with your state on this topic.

Beth Webb, Commerce Liaison and Special Projects with the Governor Haley's office is copied on this email and I am hopeful she can attend as well. I am hopeful Beth can offer direction and assistance with this resolution.

I have projects pending in SC right now that are being held up by this conflict of applying the building code to the sign industry. If at all possible, I would appreciate some latitude to complete them, fulfilling all obligations of required inspections until this can be resolved. I look forward to your favorable reply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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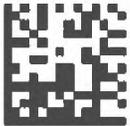
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Have a Great Day!

Kindest Regards,

Kevin Crutchfield
President/CFO

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From: Roger Lowe [mailto:roger.lowe@llr.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2015 1:41 PM
To: Kevin Crutchfield
Cc: Rhonda Jackson; Georgia Lewis
Subject: RE: Required Licenses for sign installation in South Carolina

Mr. Crutchfield,

The mission of LLR is to promote the health, safety and economic well-being of the public through regulation, licensing, enforcement, training and education. The issue of the required license(s) to install billboards has come up quite frequently in the past few years and it has been the position of the Contractor's Licensing Board that if grading, excavation, forming and re-enforcement of the concrete base and/or footings fall within with the statute describing concrete work under SC Code of Laws Section 40-11-410(4)(b), then that portion of the work would require a General Contractor's license with the subclassification of Concrete(CT). That statute reads as follows:

"Concrete" which includes all work in connection with concrete forming and placing; assembling of forms, molds, slipforms and pans; centering, trenching, excavating, backfill, and grading in connection with concrete construction; construction of sidewalks, driveways, curbs, medians, and barrier walls; and installing of embedded items essential to or comprising an integral part of concrete or concrete construction including reinforcing elements and accessories including, but not limited to, concrete chimneys, floors, piers, and foundations when using concrete rebar and other materials common to the concrete industry. This subclassification does not include the General Contractor-Highway- Bridge license subclassification or the construction of streets, roads, parking lots, and highways.

In addition, if the erection of the display, billboard, signage, etc. includes any of the following work described in SC Code of Laws Section 40-11-410(4)(j)and(k), then a General Contractor's license with the subclassification Structural Framing(SF) would also be required. Those sections reads:

(j) "Structural Framing" which includes the installation, repair, or alteration of metal or composite structural members for buildings or structures, including riveting, welding, and rigging. This subclassification also includes work under the subclassification of Structural Shapes.

(k) "Structural Shapes" which includes the installation, repair, or alteration of metal or composite shapes, tubing, pipes and bars, including minor field fabrication as may be necessary.

As for the licensing required to perform the electrical portion of the project, if the electrical work fits into any of the elements of SC Code of Laws Section 40-11-410(5)(d) which reads:

(d) "Electrical" which includes the installation, alteration, or repair of wiring-related electrical material and equipment used in the generating, transmitting, or utilization of electrical energy less than six hundred volts, including all overhead electrical wiring on public rights-of-way for signs and street decorations and all underground electrical distribution systems of less than six hundred volts serving private properties. This subclassification also includes, but is not limited to, installing, altering, and repairing, panels, controls, conductors, conduits, cables, devices, plates, electric ceilings, control wiring; and electric heating, lighting fixtures, lamps, general outside lighting, underground and overhead feeder distribution systems for services, and related components or work necessary to provide a complete electrical system and installing window or through-the-wall air conditioning units not to exceed three HP or three tons where no piping is necessary. Under this subclassification, general outside lighting is limited solely to within property lines and not on public easements or rights-of-way. A contract that contains electrical work above fifty volts must be performed by a contractor licensed under this subclassification or a licensed public electrical utility contractor. This license subclassification includes installing, altering, and repairing all lighting on private property, athletic fields, stadiums, parking lots, and the design, installation, and servicing of fire alarm systems.

then a Mechanical Contractor's license with an Electrical(EL) subclassification would be required.

To perform a "ground up" installation of a concrete/steel/lighted advertising structure, the contractor would require a General Contractor license with the subclassifications CT and SF and a Mechanical License with an EL subclassification.

The requirements for obtaining the appropriate license may be found here:
<http://www.llronline.com/POL/Contractors/index.asp?file=licensure.htm>

Please note that this issue will be discussed at the SC Contractor's Licensing Board at its next meeting which will be held on April 16, 2015 at 10:00AM at the LLR address below. If you would like further information or would like input, please plan to attend.

Thank you,



Roger K. Lowe, MCP CBO

Administrator
SC Building Codes Council
SC Contractors' Licensing Board
SC Manufactured Housing Board
SC Boiler Safety Program

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From: Kevin Crutchfield [mailto:kevin@cascosigns.com]
Sent: Monday, February 16, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Roger Lowe
Subject: Required Licenses for sign installation in South Carolina

Good Afternoon Mr. Lowe,

I hope all is well with you today. I am writing to ask for your assistance with regard to the subject. We have been installing signs in the South Carolina Region for more than 15 years. We have recently been ask to provide a South Carolina contractor's license to pull permits to install signs in one city in your state. I have reviewed the state building regulations and do not find anywhere that a license is required to install signs in South Carolina. So I am trying to further research and see where the requirement is coming from. I have also checked with several larger Sign manufacturing and Installation companies resident in SC and none of them are SC Licensed Contractors. I recently participated in a discussion with a representative of Governor Nikki Haley that pertained to South Carolinas mission to draw business to the state so I have also Ask Governor Haley's office to assist our research to find the correct and legal response to this request. In all other southeastern states that we do business in, only Florida has a sign hanger specific license requirement. In North Carolina, we have a specialty electrical license program that allows a licensee to connect a sign to existing power if the connection is within 6 feet of the sign. I realize none of this information pertains to South Carolina requirements, but up until now there has not been a requirement that I am aware of. Recently, the state of Georgia made an attempt to restrict sign companies from performing electrical work on electric signs and related electrical components, but later rescinded the decision due to the numerous companies, employees and consumers that would be adversely affected by the restrictions. There was also a conflict in that a licensed electrician is not UL trained and certified to install a UL listed sign assembly as are the manufactures of these sign products. Further it would seem unreasonable that a person or entity be required to be licensed as a general contractor and be familiar with the building codes and restrictions to build a house or better yet a commercial building, just to install a sign on such.

I would appreciate your help in determining a resolution to this issue that has been approached from many different viewpoints through various inspection and permitting entities in South Carolina. It is my hope that a statement on this subject from the state level would be applicable across the state regulated licensing and permitting entities.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this request. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Have a Great Day!

Kindest Regards,

Kevin Crutchfield
President/CFO





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Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:56 PM
To: 'Mneihaus@hbaofsc.com'
Cc: Swati Patel (swatipatel@gov.sc.gov)
Subject: FW: HBASC Builder Journal
Attachments: Gov Haley Letter.pdf

Matt,

I will certainly take a look at the requested letter. What is your deadline and do you have the attachment in a Word document?

Thanks,

Katherine Haltiwanger
Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations
Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201
direct: 803.734.5150
fax: 803.734.5167

From: Matt Niehaus [<mailto:mniehaus@hbaofsc.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 11:43 AM
To: Patel, Swati
Subject: HBASC Builder Journal

Swati,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to reach out to you on a request we make each fall. Our trade magazine, *The HBASC Builder Journal*, is sent to all of our members as well as each member of the General Assembly. In the final issue of the year, we have included the attached letter from Governor Haley. It is a fairly standard letter, but I would like to get approval from your office before we publish anything. Please feel free to make changes to the letter you feel are necessary. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thank you

Matt Niehaus
Director of Government Affairs
Home Builders Association of South Carolina
625 Taylor Street, Suite A
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) [REDACTED]
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COLUMBIA 29201

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As Governor, I am proud that South Carolina is rapidly becoming the new “it” state for economic development and manufacturing. We build planes, we build cars, we build tires, and we certainly build homes. Proving that location is, indeed, everything, our homebuilders know that nothing can top the breathtaking scenery of our state’s natural landscape to be the backdrop for the places we call home.

The homes highlighted in this magazine have been recognized as Pinnacle Awards by the Home Builders Association of South Carolina, awards created to honor those in the industry who have achieved the highest standard of quality craftsmanship and customer satisfaction. I congratulate them for their success and for giving the Palmetto State one more source of proud to celebrate. God bless.

My very best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nikki R. Halcy".

Nikki R. Halcy

Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Matt Niehaus <mniehaus@hbaofsc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 2:52 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: RE: Flags flown over the Statehouse

Katherine,
Thank you for the information. I will give Lynn a call.

Thanks

Matt Niehaus
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From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:23 PM
To: Matt Niehaus
Subject: Flags flown over the Statehouse

Matt,

Ted Pitts asked that I relay our contact to you for flags flown over the Statehouse.

Lynn Arnold, General Services
(803) 734-3337
larnold@gs.sc.gov

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Katherine Haltiwanger
Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations
Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201
direct: 803.734.5150
fax: 803.734.5167

Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Pitts, Ted
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:28 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: RE: State Flag

Thanks.

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 1:23 PM
To: Pitts, Ted
Subject: RE: State Flag

Done

From: Pitts, Ted
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2013 9:15 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: FW: State Flag

From: Matt Niehaus [<mailto:mniehaus@hbaofsc.com>]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 12:14 PM
To: Pitts, Ted
Subject: State Flag

Ted,
My boss, Mark Nix, said that I should contact you about procuring a state flag flown over the Statehouse. Any assistance you could provide would be greatly appreciated. If you need any additional information from me, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you

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Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Mark Nix <mnix@hbaofsc.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 11:05 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: RE: Michael Haley's Statement

Thanks!

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 9:09 AM
To: Mark Nix
Subject: Michael Haley's Statement

Mark,

Here is the statement from Michael Haley for your Bird Supper. Hope this works, and please let me know if you need anything else.

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-First Gentleman Michael Haley

Thanks,

Katherine Haltiwanger
Deputy Chief of Staff-Operations
Governor Nikki R. Haley
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201
direct: 803.734.5150
fax: 803.734.5167

Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Michael Haley [redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 1:43 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: Re: Approval Needed

yes, that works. Thank you!!

On Thu. Apr 4, 2013 at 10:27 PM, Haltiwanger, Katherine <KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

M-I spoke to the Executive Director of the Home Builders Association and they would like 1-2 sentences (the one below is 3) from you for their Bird Supper, since you were unable to do a video. Here is the proposed statement that will be read by their present Darryl Hall, a builder from Florence. They did not want a letter. Rob approved the below as well. Thanks, Katherine

FOR APPROVAL:

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From: Mark Nix [mailto:mnix@hbaofsc.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 11:35 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: FW: Bird Super 2013

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Winners

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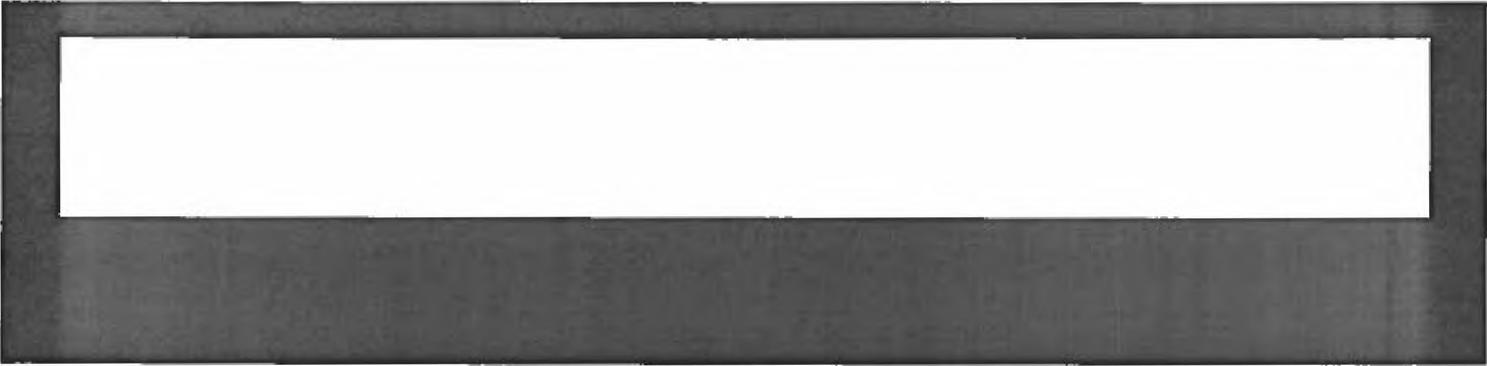
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Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: LeMoine, Leigh
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 4:48 PM
To: Stirling, Bryan; Godfrey, Rob
Cc: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: Re: Congratulatory Letter

KH - please see the request below.

Thanks,
Leigh

From: Stirling, Bryan
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 04:45 PM
To: LeMoine, Leigh; Godfrey, Rob
Subject: FW: Congratulatory Letter

What is the process for this letter request? It's a pretty fast turnaround also.

From: Cashion Drolet [<mailto:cashion@screaltors.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 1:54 PM
To: Stirling, Bryan
Subject: Congratulatory Letter

Bryan,
Thanks for calling me back. We would appreciate a letter from the Governor that Nick can read at the retirement party for Terry Ketchem on Thursday evening. Terry is retiring after serving 26 years as Association Executive of the Charleston Trident Association of REALTORS. We are hoping to recognize her devotion to improving quality of life in the Charleston area and her dedication to serving the REALTOR membership.

I know that this is tight given the timing and the Governor's busy schedule, and we deeply appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Cashion

Cashion Drolet
Sr. VP of Government Affairs
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Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Teppara, Dino <DTeppara@ed.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:26 PM
To: 'Grant Gillespie'; Haltiwanger, Katherine
Cc: Roger Lowe
Subject: RE: LLR contact

Thank you all for the very prompt response!!!

Roger, I will copy you on an email introduction with the Lexington School Dist. One Superintendent and her staff.

Regards,
Dino

From: Grant Gillespie [<mailto:Grant.Gillespie@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine; Teppara, Dino
Cc: Roger Lowe
Subject: RE: LLR contact

Dino:

Hope all is well.

Roger Lowe would be your best person to chat with. He is administrator for the Building Code Council and should be able to point you in the right direction. He is copied on this email and his direct line is 896-4306.

Thanks for the help Roger.

Grant Gillespie
Director of Business and Government Affairs
SC Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation,
110 Centerview Drive; Columbia, SC 29210
Office: 803.896.4440
Cell: 803. [REDACTED]
Fax: 803.896.4393
Email: gillespie@llr.sc.gov
Website: www.llr.state.sc.us

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 07, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Teppara, Dino
Cc: Grant Gillespie
Subject: RE: LLR contact

Looping in Grant Gillespie at LLR...he can point you in the right direction.

Thanks.

Katherine

From: Teppara, Dino [mailto:DTeppara@ed.sc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2014 9:45 AM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: LLR contact

Katherine, is there a POC at LLR you can introduce me to who deals with building codes? Lexington Sch. Dist. 1 has some issues with moving portables and would like to speak with someone.

Thanks!
Dino

Dino Teppara, Esquire
Director – Legislative and Public Affairs
S.C. Department of Education
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Columbia, SC 29201
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Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 12:57 PM
To: Holly Gillespie Pisarik
Subject: Fwd: State Fire Marshal position
Attachments: Gary MocarSKI resume.doc; ATT00001.htm; llr cover.docx; ATT00002.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary MocarSKI <inspmocarSKI@migcfd.org>
Date: June 16, 2014 at 12:34:48 PM EDT
To: "katherinehaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov" <katherinehaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>
Subject: State Fire Marshal position

Ms. Haltiwanger,
Thank-you for responding to my query. Please find attached a copy of my resume in Word format to forward to LLR. I have also attached a cover letter with contact information.

Yours in Fire Safety,
Gary MocarSKI

Gary J. MocarSKI
131 Colonial Circle
Garden City, SC 29576

Objective: South Carolina State Fire Marshal.

Work Experience: 1996 - present.

Fire Inspector, Murrells Inlet - Garden City Fire District, Murrells Inlet, SC. Report to Fire Chief. Responsible for ensuring that all buildings in the fire district that fall under fire department jurisdiction comply with applicable fire and building codes from initial design through construction and continued occupancy. Duties include reviewing new construction design documents to ensure compliance with current codes and standards; inspecting structures under construction to verify that what is installed is consistent with approved design documents and meets applicable codes and standards; witnessing acceptance tests of fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems and components to ensure operability and code compliance; inspecting newly-completed buildings to ensure that fire and life safety systems are all complete and operable so that such buildings may be occupied; overseeing a routine fire inspection program of all public occupancies under department jurisdiction to ensure that they remain fire-safe; and maintaining records of all inspections. Other duties include responding to and assisting in the mitigation of fires and other emergencies occurring in the fire district and coordinating public fire education programs in local schools, health care institutions, and businesses to maintain a high degree of fire awareness among our citizens.

Other Pertinent Work Experience

Director of Religious Education in a large church community. Duties include curriculum selection, staff selection and development, budget preparation and oversight, and occasional direct instruction in the classroom.

Fire Protection Engineer for an operations contractor at a federal nuclear weapons facility. Duties include developing fire protection programs for new and existing facilities; writing specifications for fire detection, alarm, and suppression systems and developing life-safety arrangements for new facilities; and authoring engineering analyses documenting the level of equivalency to Department of Energy Orders and applicable codes and standards. Also track departmental project support budgets.

Fire Protection Consultant (self-employed). Duties include inspecting client properties and reporting findings to clients, insurers, and/or regulators; flow-testing water systems; authoring fire and emergency plans; assisting clients in developing corrective actions in response to regulatory findings; and providing classroom instruction on fire safety and other topics to client employees.

Loss Prevention Coordinator (position originally titled Fire Marshal) at a two-unit nuclear power station. Duties include maintaining full compliance with and updating as needed a comprehensive Fire Protection Program; authoring fire protection engineering analyses of physical plant and procedural modifications; overseeing fire system testing and maintenance; preparing and working within a departmental budget; training and equipping fire department personnel; and interfacing with such regulatory agencies as insurance companies, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other nuclear industry groups.

Education

BA Arts and Humanities, Gannon University, Erie, PA (1979)
Business courses, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA
Engineering courses, Germanna Community College, Locust Grove, VA

Additional Courses/Seminars

Fire Protection for the Operations Phase (General Physics Corporation, Columbia, MD)
Fire Protection Engineering for Department of Energy Facilities (FM Global, Norwood, MA)
NFPA 101, Life Safety Code Seminar (National Fire Protection Association, Quincy, MA)
Documentation of hundreds of hours of continuing education in fire protection available on request.

Certifications

Certified Fire Marshal, State of South Carolina
Fire Inspector I, International Code Council
Fire Inspector II, International Code Council
Fire Plans Examiner, International Code Council
Certified Fire Code Official, International Code Council
Interior Structural Firefighter, State of South Carolina

Professional Memberships, Honors

Member (currently President), Grand Strand Fire Inspectors Association
Member (Past President) South Carolina Fire Marshals Association
Past Chairman, Joint Council of South Carolina Fire Service Associations.
Member, South Carolina Fire Sprinkler Coalition
Chairman, Code Study Group of the SC Firefighters Association and SC Fire Marshals Association
Past Member, Culpeper (VA) Town Council
1991 Outstanding Young Citizen, Culpeper (VA) Jaycees
2002 Career Firefighter of the Year, Murrells Inlet – Garden City Fire District
2014 Silver Beaver Award Recipient, Coastal Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America

Other Affiliations

Former member, volunteer firefighter, Horry County (SC) Fire-Rescue
Former member, volunteer firefighter, Aiken (SC) Department of Public Safety
Life Member, volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, Culpeper County (VA) Volunteer Rescue Squad
Former member, volunteer firefighter, Culpeper County (VA) Volunteer Fire Department
Former EMT Lay Instructor, Virginia Division of Emergency Medical Services
Former member, Savannah River Branch of the Carolinas Chapter (now Savannah River Chapter),
Society of Fire Protection Engineers

131 Colonial Circle
Garden City, SC 29576
June 16, 2014

Ms. Holly Pisarik
Director, SC Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Ms. Pisarik,

Position of State Fire Marshal

Ever since the announcement that State Fire Marshal Shane Ray would be stepping down, numerous people across the state have encouraged me to seek that position. With almost forty years of experience in the fire service, most of it here in South Carolina, it is felt that I possess the necessary qualifications and experience for the job. Thus I offer my name for your consideration for the position of State Fire Marshal.

A copy of my résumé is enclosed.

I may be contacted at (843) [REDACTED] anytime, or via email at inspmocarski@migcfd.org, and look forward to hearing from your office. Many thanks for giving this your due consideration.

Yours in Fire Safety,

Original Signed by Gary J. Mocarski

Gary J. Mocarski
Certified Fire Marshal
Certified Fire Code Official

Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:53 PM
To: 'Stephanie Collier'
Cc: Taylor, Richele
Subject: RE: October/November Public Servant Appreciation Lunch

Thanks for letting me know.

From: Stephanie Collier [<mailto:Stephanie.Collier@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, November 12, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Cc: Taylor, Richele
Subject: FW: October/November Public Servant Appreciation Lunch

Katherine,

Connie Huffstetler, our November Public Servant Award recipient, just informed me that she will not be able to attend the appreciation lunch on the 16th.

I apologize for the late notice.

Stephanie

Stephanie Collier
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South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
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Columbia, SC 29210
(803) 896-4390
Email: stephanie.collier@llr.sc.gov
website: www.llronline.com



It's a Great Day in South Carolina!

From: Stephanie Collier
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 3:05 PM
To: 'Haltiwanger, Katherine'
Subject: October/November Public Servant Appreciation Lunch

Katherine,

The LLR employees attending the lunch will be:

For October:

Robert "Bert" Polk, State Fire Marshal

For November:

Connie Huffstetler, Program Assistant, Office of Board Services

Thank you.

Stephanie Collier
Executive Assistant
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It's a Great Day in South Carolina!

Haltiwanger, Katherine

From: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:14 PM
To: Piper, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Let's go ahead and post

From: Piper, Cynthia
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:13 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Subject: RE: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

I am planning to post this afternoon, is that ok with you or do you think we should wait until tomorrow?

Cynthia

From: Bert Polk [<mailto:Bert.Polk@llr.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:16 PM
To: Haltiwanger, Katherine
Cc: Piper, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Yes, it is correct.

Thank you,

Robert Polk

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal



From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:03 PM
To: Bert Polk
Cc: Piper, Cynthia
Subject: Re: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Please confirm that the below information is correct. Thank you!

Governor Nikki Haley requests that the flags be flown at half-staff on Thursday, October 1, 2015, in memory of Firefighter/EMT Stuart Gregory Hardy of the Burton Fire District.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2015, at 1:35 PM, Bert Polk <Bert.Polk@lfr.sc.gov> wrote:

Yes, Thursday 10/1 at 11am. As a reminder we are requesting a State Flag as the military will be presenting a US flag.

Firefighter/EMT **Stuart Gregory Hardy**, Burton Fire District

Visitation: Wednesday 5-8 Copeland Funeral Home Beaufort

Services:

Thursday 11:00 am @ Praise Assembly of God in Beaufort SC

Internment at National Cemetery in Beaufort with Military and Fire Service Honors.

Thank you for your assistance,

Robert Polk

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal
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From: Haltiwanger, Katherine [<mailto:KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 12:27 PM
To: Bert Polk
Cc: Casserly, James; Piper, Cynthia
Subject: RE: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Thank you for letting me know. I am sorry to hear about this. I will let the Governor know as well. We will start the process for lowering the flags on Thursday and getting one for you to present. Is the funeral still planned for Thursday?

-Katherine

From: Bert Polk
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 10:57 AM
To: 'Priester, Nicole'
Subject: RE: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Thanks for your response. I forwarded the message to you based on Katherine's "Out of Office" reply. I will reach out to her on Monday.

Robert Polk

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal
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From: Bert Polk
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 10:35 AM
To: 'KatherineHaltiwanger@gov.sc.gov'
Subject: Firefighter Line of Duty Death

Katherine,

I wanted to make you aware of a LODD that occurred Thursday, September 24, 2015. Firefighter/EMT **Stuart Gregory Hardy** of the Burton Fire District succumbed to a medical condition that occurred while operating an emergency incident on September 13, 2015. Final arrangements are pending.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/islandpacket/obituary.aspx?n=stuart-g-hardy&pid=175926862>

Two questions I was hoping you could help me with

1. Could we request the Governor to direct flag at state facilities to half staff on the day of services? (TENTATIVELY set for Thursday Oct 1st 2015).
2. Could we request a South Carolina state flag be flown over the statehouse in his memory. The flag will be presented to his widow at the services.

Thank you for your assistance,

Robert Polk

Deputy Director/State Fire Marshal
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Lee, Ashton

From: Lee, Ashton
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Nicole Priester (nicolepriester@gov.sc.gov)
Subject: FW: Intro

From: Nick Kremydas [mailto:nick@screaltors.org]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:44 AM
To: Walls, Courtney
Subject: Fwd: Intro

Can you help with this? Thanks!

Nick E. Kremydas, Esq., RCE | Chief Executive Officer
SC REALTORS® | Cell: 803 [REDACTED]

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From: Nick Kremydas <nick@screaltors.org>
Date: Mon, Mar 9, 2015 at 9:32 AM
Subject: Intro
To: Tim Pearson <tim.pearson@gov.sc.gov>, Tim Pearson [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Tim,

I hope this email finds you well. I need a good intro to introduce the Gov. at our event in a few weeks.

Do you have something you can send me? Short and sweet but complimentary on her jobs records and pro-business appointments at LLR and DHEC?

Also need a good hi-res photo, the Gov. at work, not just a headshot.

Thanks!

Nick E. Kremydas, Esq., RCE | Chief Executive Officer

Lee, Ashton

From: Earl McLeod <earl@columbiabuilders.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2014 7:50 AM
To: Lee, Ashton
Cc: Tim Pearson (tim@nikkihaley.com); John Covert [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Subject: Construction Workforce Training

In a conversation with HBA President John Covert at the HBA Clay shoot in Camden on August 27th the Governor offered to assist us in our efforts related to construction workforce training. Someone was to follow up with John in this regard.

Please give me a call next week as this is a very important issue to the construction industry in South Carolina.

We greatly appreciate the Governor's assistance in this regard.

Earl McLeod

Earl McLeod
HBA of Greater Columbia
Office 803 256-6238
Mobile 803 [REDACTED]
www.columbiabuilders.com

Lee, Ashton

From: Priester, Nicole
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 11:58 AM
To: Lynn Hawley
Cc: Rebecca Best; Lee, Ashton
Subject: RE: Gov. Haley

Lynn,

Last question- will there be reserved seating for tonight's event? I know Earl said it is very casual, but I just wanted to check.

Thanks,
Nicole

Nicole Priester
Scheduler | Office of Governor Nikki Haley
(803) 734-5151
NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov

From: Lynn Hawley [<mailto:lynn@columbiabuilders.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:45 PM
To: Priester, Nicole
Cc: Rebecca Best
Subject: RE: Gov. Haley

Event Registrations: Kershaw County Steak-Out

Billing Company	Billing First Name	Billing Last Name
Burke Engineering, LLC	Jesse	Burke
C & C Builders of Columbia, Inc.	Cecil	Brazell
City of Camden	Tony	Scully
Clark's Termite & Pest Control	Brandon	Jeffcoat
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Covert Homes, LLC	Bailey	Covert
Covert Homes, LLC	John	Covert
Creative Tile	Scott	Heron
ERA Wilder Realty	Ken	Queen
Governor of South Carolina	Nikki	Haley
Grow Financial Federal Credit Union	Ed	Maag
HBA of South Carolina	Matt	Niehaus
Kershaw County Council	Jimmy	Jones
Kershaw County Council	C.R.	Miles, Jr.
Kershaw County Council	Sammie	Tucker
Kershaw County Sheriff	James	Matthews
Lucas Insulation	Charles	Lucas
Midlands Technical College	Alan	Clayton
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Triangle Brick

Earl
Frank
Bennett
Sidney
J. Thomas
Charles
James
Thom
Andrew

McLeod
Mitchell
Griffin
Isler
McElveen
Sinclair
Graves
Chumney
McLeod

(No other public officials have RSVP'd)

From: Priester, Nicole [<mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 4:41 PM
To: Lynn Hawley
Cc: Earl McLeod
Subject: RE: Gov. Haley

Lynn,

Do you have an updated list of attendees for the event tomorrow night?

Nicole Priester
Scheduler | Office of Governor Nikki Haley
(803) 734-5151
NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov

From: Lynn Hawley [<mailto:lynn@columbiabuilders.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Priester, Nicole
Cc: Earl McLeod
Subject: RE: Gov. Haley

Yes, Earl will introduce and hand off a microphone.

The revised agenda is attached and I'll send you an updated RSVP list the day of, but yes, the RSVP list sent earlier is the most current roster. If it helps, I've attached my cheat sheet of those invited officials.

From: Priester, Nicole [<mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:23 PM
To: Lynn Hawley
Subject: RE: Gov. Haley

Thanks, Lynn.

What time will the program begin?
Also- do you have a list of the confirmed public officials?
Will Earl introduce the public officials?

Nicole Priester
Scheduler | Office of Governor Nikki Haley
(803) 734-5151

NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov

From: Lynn Hawley [<mailto:lynn@columbiabuilders.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 3:16 PM
To: Priester, Nicole
Subject: FW: Gov. Haley

From: Lynn Hawley
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 11:01 AM
To: 'NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov'
Cc: 'rbest@columbiabuilders.com'; Earl McLeod
Subject: FW: Gov. Haley

See below:

From: Priester, Nicole [<mailto:NicolePriester@gov.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Lynn Hawley
Subject: Gov. Haley

Lynn,

I hope you are doing well. I have a few questions about next Wednesday night. When you get a chance, will you please respond to the below:

Is there an agenda or line-by-line you can share with me? We will get an agenda to you ASAP

Can you please provide me with an onsite contact for the governor's security detail to contact?

Joe Cantey, 803-

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How many people do you anticipate will attend? Planning for 60 - 75

Do you have a list of notable attendees confirmed to attend? Attached list, although not everyone RSVP until the last minute, so I can send you a revised the day of if you like

Thanks! I look forward to working with you to plan Governor Haley's attendance. We are thrilled she is able to come!

Nicole

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Schimsa, Rebecca

From: Love, Amy <alove@sccommerce.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Godfrey, Rob; Schimsa, Rebecca
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From: Moise, Debbie
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 4:53 PM
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Here is the chart/article we put in the HBA magazine.

From: Mark Nix [<mailto:mnix@hbaofsc.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 4:55 PM
To: Moise, Debbie
Subject: HBASC Pinnacle Awards Magazine

Debbie

Thank you for your help in the Builder Journal. Please find the link to the magazine and I appreciate all your help in promoting it.

http://www.pcvdp.com/downloads/SCBJ_12v6n1.pdf

Thanks,
Mark