COMMITTEE REPORT

May 23, 2013

**S. 649**

Introduced by Senators Bryant, Shealy, Bright, Corbin, Davis and S. Martin

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**LABOR, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

To whom was referred a Senate Resolution (S. 649) to encourage businesses and firearms manufacturers from out of state to locate in the Palmetto State, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

THOMAS C. ALEXANDER for Committee.

**A** **SENATE RESOLUTION**

TO ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES AND FIREARMS MANUFACTURERS FROM OUT OF STATE TO LOCATE IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

Whereas, Congressman Jeff Duncan from South Carolina has been proactive in reaching out to firearms manufacturers that are located in states where restrictive gun control laws are being implemented; and

Whereas, Congressman Duncan, Governor Nikki Haley, and the South Carolina Department of Commerce firmly believe we should continue to send a strong signal to other manufacturers that South Carolina would make a great place to relocate; and

Whereas, South Carolinians honor the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution that protects the right to keep and bear arms and South Carolina is a right-to-work state. These are just a few of the reasons we must be proactive in advertising our stellar business climate to firearms manufacturers; and

Whereas, no state property tax, no local income tax, no inventory tax, no sales tax on manufacturing machinery, no wholesale tax, no unitary tax on worldwide profits, and a favorable corporate tax structure are all great incentives for businesses and it is important that we promote every reason possible for relocation; and

Whereas, one way for us to continue momentum on this front is for the General Assembly to pass a resolution encouraging businesses to relocate to the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, promoting this measure is another important step in attracting firearms manufacturers to our great State. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the Senate, by this resolution, encourage businesses and firearms manufacturers from out of state to locate to the Palmetto State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Congressman Jeff Duncan, Governor Nikki Haley, and the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

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