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**REGULAR SESSION BEGINNING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**  
**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**  
**(Statewide Session)**

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Indicates New Matter

The Senate assembled at 1:00 P.M., the hour to which it stood adjourned, and was called to order by the PRESIDENT.

A quorum being present, the proceedings were opened with a devotion by the Chaplain as follows:

Isaiah 40:31

The prophet Isaiah reminds us that: “. . . those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Let us pray: Most loving Lord, we fervently pray that this year will prove to be one in which these Senators will conscientiously work together to bring about rich blessings for all of the citizens of South Carolina. And by their collective efforts may the end results prove to be genuine blessings for every woman, man and child. Attaining such results will surely not come about easily. But by determined effort, true collaboration and a clear view of what will be truly best for all, these leaders -- if they choose -- can surely accomplish great good, even “soar on wings like eagles.” Moreover, dear God, continue to bless our women and men in uniform serving around the globe, as well as our first responders. How much do we all owe to these women and men. And so we pray with trusting hearts, dear Lord. Amen.

The PRESIDENT called for Petitions, Memorials, Presentments of Grand Juries and such like papers.

#### **Call of the Senate**

Senator HEMBREE moved that a Call of the Senate be made. The following Senators answered the Call:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Blackmon	Campsen
Cash	Chaplin	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Devine
Elliott	Fernandez	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Graham
Grooms	Hembree	Jackson
Johnson	Kennedy	Kimbrell
Leber	Martin	Massey
Matthews	Nutt	Ott
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice

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Sabb	Stubbs	Sutton
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Walker	Williams	Young
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A quorum being present, the Senate resumed.

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

The following appointments were transmitted by the Honorable Henry Dargan McMaster:

**Local Appointment**

Initial Appointment, Colleton County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 15, 2022, and to expire April 15, 2026

Jennifer Fishburne, 1123 Saint Peters Road, Walterboro, SC 29488-6171 *VICE* Kenneth A. Campbell, Jr.

**REGULATION RECEIVED**

The following was received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 5314

Agency: Department of Social Services

Chapter: 114

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-13-180

SUBJECT: Regulations for the Licensing of Child Care Centers

Received by President of the Senate January 15, 2025

Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services

**Doctor of the Day**

Senator MARTIN introduced Dr. Jeff Cashman of Spartanburg, S.C., Doctor of the Day.

**CO-SPONSORS ADDED**

The following co-sponsors were added to the respective Bills:

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| S. 28 | Sens. Goldfinch, Leber, Alexander, Jackson, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen and Chaplin |
| S. 29 | Sens. Goldfinch, Leber, Alexander, Jackson, Rice, Fernandez, Campsen and Chaplin |
| S. 51 | Sens. Goldfinch, Bennett, Reichenbach, Elliott, Chaplin, Verdin and Kennedy.     |
| S. 60 | Sens. Davis and Climer   |
| S. 69 | Sen. Bennett   |

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S. 115 Sen. Fernandez  
S. 155 Sens. Peeler and Alexander  
S. 156 Sens. Garrett and Stubbs  
S. 159 Sens. Garrett and Climer  
S. 161 Sen. Garrett  
S. 162 Sen. Garrett  
S. 171 Sen. Garrett  
S. 183 Sen. Garrett  
S. 199 Sen. Kimbrell  
S. 204 Sen. Rice  
S. 207 Sen. Rice

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

The following were introduced:

S. 201 -- Senator Cromer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MACEO NANCE UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

S. 202 -- Senator Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-28-350, RELATING TO WILFUL DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENHANCED PENALTY WHEN A DEATH IS THE RESULT OF A DRUG OVERDOSE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 203 -- Senator Walker: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-31-202, RELATING TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO REPORT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRESIDENT, AND FOUNDER; BY AMENDING SECTION 33-31-1005, RELATING TO ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT FOR A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO REPORT

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DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRESIDENT, AND FOUNDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-30, RELATING TO REGISTRATION STATEMENTS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH INTEND TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS WITHIN THIS STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OPTION TO REPORT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, PRESIDENT, AND FOUNDER.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 204 -- Senators Massey and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-13-30, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON ALIEN LAND OWNERSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CORPORATIONS CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY CANNOT ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY IN THIS STATE; TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; AND TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY THAT AN ALIEN OR CORPORATION MAY ACQUIRE AN INTEREST IN FROM FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND ACRES TO ONE THOUSAND ACRES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 15-35-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN A CIVIL ACTION INITIATED BY A PARTY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY, THE PARTY ADVERSE TO THE PARTY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY IS ENTITLED TO SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN HIS FAVOR IF THAT PARTY SHOWS TO THE COURT THAT THE PARTY CONTROLLED BY A FOREIGN ADVERSARY IS ENGAGED IN AN ABUSE OF PROCESS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 205 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-360, RELATING TO A PLACE ON THE BALLOT FOR WRITE-IN NAMES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROHIBITION ON ALLOWING WRITE-IN VOTING FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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S. 206 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS TO REPEAL THE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES CONTAINED IN ACT 83 OF 2019 FOR THE PROPOSED CAROLINA PANTHERS PRACTICE FACILITY IN YORK COUNTY.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 207 -- Senators Massey and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION FROM TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INDIVIDUAL DEDUCTION FROM FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS TO TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, TO INCREASE THE DEDUCTION FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS WHO FILE A JOINT FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FROM THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL INFLATION ADJUSTMENT.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 208 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2910, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY PETITION THE CIRCUIT COURT IN THE COUNTY OF THE PERSON'S CONVICTION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE AFTER ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF REVOCATION OF HIS LICENSE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A SUBSEQUENT MOVING VIOLATION REQUIRES THE AUTOMATIC CANCELLATION OF ANY REINSTATED DRIVER'S LICENSE AND IMPOSITION OF THE FULL PERIOD OF REVOCATION FOR THE FELONY RECKLESS DRIVING VIOLATION; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 209 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO REENACT SECTION 14-23-1040 AND PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 210 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO ADD TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS OF CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND OUTLINE COMPONENTS OF A PLAN OF OPERATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE

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CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND CREATED, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 211 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO CLASSES OF PROPERTY THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CURRENT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TAX EXEMPTION ON PROPERTY THEY OWN.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 212 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-75-750, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF INSURANCE POLICIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURED MUST HAVE NOTICE OF AND GIVE WRITTEN CONSENT TO ANY INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF A DEDUCTIBLE PRIOR TO RENEWAL.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 213 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

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Read the first time and ordered placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

S. 214 -- Senators Massey and Jackson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-31-10, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS, ITS COMPOSITION, AND THE



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REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION BE AFRICAN AMERICAN, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A MAJORITY OF THE COMMISSION MUST BE AFRICAN AMERICAN.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 215 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-122, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THE AMOUNT OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PREMIUMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL, CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING COVERAGE OR THE AMOUNT OF A PREMIUM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-123(A), RELATING TO RENEWALS OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT INSURERS MAY NOT USE A NUMERICAL, CREDIT-BASED INSURANCE SCORE OR OTHER CREDIT RATING AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE RENEWAL OF A POLICY FOR AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 216 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-7-840, RELATING TO EXEMPTION FROM JURY SERVICE, SO AS TO RAISE THE AGE EXEMPTION FROM SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

S. 217 -- Senator Graham: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE WILSON HALL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S COACHES AND RUNNERS ON A SUPERLATIVE SEASON.

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The Senate Resolution was adopted.

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S. 218 -- Senator Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-11-730 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL ADOPT CRITERIA FOR ADMISSIONS TO AND DISCHARGES FROM SOUTH CAROLINA VETERANS' HOMES.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

S. 219 -- Senator Goldfinch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-2730, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS IN STATE WATERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEASON, CATCH LIMITS, AND MINIMUM SIZES FOR CERTAIN SPECIES UNDER THE SNAPPER-GROUPER FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry.

S. 220 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-30, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF INSURERS TO INVEST IN SECURITIES OF SUBSIDIARIES, SO AS TO INCLUDE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-70, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF STATEMENTS, SO AS TO FURTHER EXPLAIN THE REQUIREMENTS OF REPORTING THE DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-90, RELATING TO APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER OF ACQUISITION OF CONTROL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PERSON ACQUIRING CONTROL OF A DOMESTIC INSURER TO MAINTAIN OR RESTORE CAPITAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-160, RELATING TO INFORMATION WHICH NEED NOT BE DISCLOSED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENTS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THAT THE DEFINITION DOES NOT APPLY FOR OTHER PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-225, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ENTERPRISE RISK REPORT, SO AS TO IDENTIFY EXEMPTIONS FOR FILING THE GROUP

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CAPITAL CALCULATION AND TO REQUIRE FILING RESULTS OF THE LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST FOR SOME INSURERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-250, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR TRANSACTIONS WITHIN INSURANCE SYSTEMS, SO AS TO OUTLINE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-21-290, RELATING TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP GROUP CAPITAL CALCULATIONS, GROUP CAPITAL RATIO AND LIQUIDITY STRESS TEST RESULTS, AND SUPPORTING DISCLOSURES CONFIDENTIAL; AND TO ADD REFERENCES TO THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANTS.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Banking and Insurance.

S. 221 -- Senator Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Medical Affairs.

S. 222 -- Senator Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-140 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE" AND PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THEM ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLES.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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S. 223 -- Senator Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

S. 224 -- Senator Tedder: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 2025 AS "MENTORING MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Concurrent Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Family and Veterans' Services.

S. 225 -- Senator Leber: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGIES IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND OPPOSE CENSORSHIP OR BIAS THAT WOULD HAMPER THE GROWTH OF THESE TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 226 -- Senator Cromer: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SKILLSUSA FOR ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT AMERICA HAS A SKILLED WORKFORCE AND TO DECLARE FEBRUARY 2-8, 2025, AS "SKILLSUSA WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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The Senate Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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S. 227 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

S. 228 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 9 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025.

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Read the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

H. 3660 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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The Concurrent Resolution was adopted, ordered returned to the House.

**THE SENATE PROCEEDED TO A CALL OF THE UNCONTESTED LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CALENDAR.**

**DEBATE INTERRUPTED**

S. 62 -- Senators Hembree, Rice and Grooms: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE STANDARD APPLICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS SEEKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO

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ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDS TO CREATE, OVERSEE, AND ADMINISTER PROGRAM, SUSPENSION OF ACCOUNTS, UNUSED FUNDS, AND TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO TERMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS' PROGRAMS; AND NOTIFICATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS THAT MAY BE AWARDED; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION APPROVAL PROCESS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER MUST CERTIFY ANNUALLY TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT MEETS ALL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO PROCEDURES TO INFORM STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVED EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS, DEPARTMENT, AND EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SURETY BOND IS REQUIRED OF EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING EXPENSES AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-160, RELATING TO THE K-12 EDUCATION LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW PANEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR ITS COMPOSITION AND PURPOSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-165, RELATING TO STUDENT TRANSFER POLICY, SO AS TO CLARIFY STUDENT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-170, RELATING TO IMMEDIATE PARTICIPATION IN A SPORT BY A TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-150-350, RELATING TO EDUCATION LOTTERY ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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The Senate proceeded to a consideration of the Bill.

Senator HEMBREE explained the Bill.

Debate was interrupted by adjournment.

**LOCAL APPOINTMENT**

**Confirmation**

Having received a favorable report from the Senate, the following appointment was confirmed in open session:

Initial Appointment, Colleton County Magistrate, with the term to commence April 15, 2022, and to expire April 15, 2026

Jennifer Fishburne, 1123 Saint Peters Road, Walterboro, SC 29488  
*VICE* Kenneth A. Campbell, Jr.

**Motion Adopted**

On motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate agreed to stand adjourned.

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator STUBBS, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mrs. Candace Athene Joldersma of Rock Hill, S.C. Candy was a graduate of Warner University and worked in the admissions and recruitment office after graduation. She then worked as a social worker with Lake Wales Care Center. Candy had a passion for missions and was blessed to travel the globe. She participated in Bible Study Fellowship, Mothers of Preschoolers and was a member of Neely's Creek ARP and 1<sup>st</sup> ARP Lake Wales, respectively. Candy was a loving wife and doting mother who will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senator DEVINE, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Dr. James Solomon, Jr. of Columbia, S.C. Dr. Solomon was a community

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leader and pioneer. He and two others were the first African Americans to attend the University of South Carolina in 1963. Dr. Solomon was an Air Force Veteran who served in Japan during the Korean War. He studied at and worked for Morris College and eventually became the school's vice president of Institutional Planning. He later became director of the Commission on Higher Education, was a commissioner of the Department of Social Services and received the Order of the Palmetto. He also served on the Sumter District 17 and Richland One School Boards. Dr. Solomon was active in the United Way, Urban League, Palmetto Development Group and the American Public Welfare Association. Dr. Solomon was a loving husband, devoted father and doting grandfather who will be dearly missed.

and

**MOTION ADOPTED**

On motion of Senators FERNANDEZ and GROOMS, with unanimous consent, the Senate stood adjourned out of respect to the memory of Mr. Devon Alexander Lindsey of Ridgeville, S.C. Devon was a dedicated member of the Berkeley County Sheriff's office and a well-loved and respected member of the Ridgeville community. Devon was a loving husband and devoted father who will be dearly missed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:47 P.M., on motion of Senator MASSEY, the Senate adjourned to meet tomorrow at 11:00 A.M.

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