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Dear Members,

The South Carolina General Assembly adjourned on June 5, 2008, completing the second half of the 117th session. This year, more than ever, municipal officials had their voices heard at the State House advocating for positive legislation that strengthens the economic success of hometowns and the competitiveness of the state. Through the *Hometown, SC* initiative and the statewide “Cities Means Business” campaign, our message of strong cities and their value to the state has encouraged key influencers to stand up for issues that support local decision-making and prosperity.

For 22 years, I have had the honor of representing municipal officials at the State House to fight for positive legislation and to build on the foundation of Home Rule. We’ve had our share of successes and challenges, but we have always proudly stood together representing the government closest to the people. Going forward, I have confidence in our legislative team leadership. They have impressed me with their ability to represent municipal officials at the State House and advance legislative priorities.

Thank you for allowing me to be your voice at the State House.

Sincerely,

Howard Duvall  
Executive Director



Dear Fellow Members,

It has been a pleasure to serve as chair of the Municipal Association legislative committee and on the Association's board of directors. During this two-year session, staff has monitored and worked more than 400 bills and resolutions that would have a direct, or indirect effect, on cities and towns and our ability to govern and provide a positive quality of life of our residents.

From major legislation, such as spending caps and annexation, to more technical issues, such as clarifying negative population growth relative to millage and local immigration language, the Association's legislative team and its tracking system helped members keep a close watch on bills and take action when needed. Thanks to your quick response on many bills this session, we were able to react quickly to protect the interests of our cities and towns.

Too often our legislative efforts must be reactive and focused on protecting cities and towns from attempts to take away local control of local issues. This year we have focused on a proactive and collaborative approach to bring attention to major issues, such as annexation reform. We are beginning to see positive results from these collaborative efforts and look forward to continuing to build these relationships for the future.

This session marks Howard's last one as our voice at the State House. We appreciate his many years of service, and there will certainly be a void at the State House next session without him. I am proud of the legislative team that he has assembled and trust in their ability to continue to guide and lead us in a positive direction.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Danner  
City of Greer

# About the Municipal Association of SC

Formed in 1939, the Municipal Association of South Carolina represents and serves the state's 270 incorporated municipalities. The Association is dedicated to the principle of its founding members: to offer the services, programs and products that will give municipal officials the knowledge, experience and tools for enabling the most efficient and effective operation of their municipalities in the complex world of municipal government.

## About the *Hometown, SC* initiative

*Hometown, SC* is a long-range and sustainable initiative that will build relationships to raise hometown voices to a new level of influence. The goal of the initiative is to demonstrate the value of South Carolina's cities and towns to their residents and illustrate to policy makers and key influencers the important role cities and towns play in our state's economic competitiveness.

## Core messages of *Hometown, SC*

Value – Strong cities and towns are essential to jobs, prosperity and quality of life for all South Carolinians.

Partnerships – South Carolinians reach their full potential when all levels of government, business, education, the arts and community organizations work together.

Resources – Different conditions around the state require cities and towns to have flexible resources and authority to meet citizen needs.

## About “Cities Mean Business”

The *Hometown, SC* initiative stepped up to the next level by launching the “Cities Mean Business” campaign in February. The campaign encourages new and stronger collaboration between local elected leaders and the business community to reinforce that strong cities are the economic engines that help drive the state's competitiveness.

Using template materials provided by the Association, municipal officials have highlighted the many ways that strong cities and towns support economic growth of existing businesses and attract new businesses. Almost 50 percent of our hometowns participated in the campaign in some way passing proclamations, running ads, writing opinion columns for local papers and hosting business events.

# *Supporting the State's Competitiveness* **Legislative Principles 2007-2008**

South Carolina hometowns bring value to our state as an important building block in supporting economic competitiveness and prosperity. The Municipal Association's legislative agenda focuses on promoting economic growth, enhancing a positive quality of life, and encouraging accountability and fiscal responsibility. These three legislative principles helped focus the Association's legislative priorities.

## **Promoting economic growth**

South Carolina hometowns are the core of economic growth and prosperity for our state. Cities and towns work in partnership with business and industry to provide the necessary infrastructure to assist in their growth and support their competitiveness. The success of our state's economic development efforts is dependent on the strength of our cities and towns to provide the quality services and amenities taxpayers and businesses demand. South Carolina hometowns support legislation that encourages economic growth by making our state competitive within the global economy.

- Support comprehensive tax reform to ensure predictability in revenue streams and fairness to businesses and taxpayers
- Support revisions to laws regulating city boundaries to reflect the realities of today's patterns of growth and development by including areas surrounded by a city
- Support highway construction/transportation funding
- Support affordable housing

## **Enhancing positive quality of life**

Businesses repeatedly point to "quality of life" as one of the determining factors in making a decision where to locate. South Carolina's hometowns are the primary source of the valuable elements that create a positive quality of life that supports tourism, public safety, recreation, the arts and cultural activities. Cities and towns support legislative efforts to provide residents and businesses with cost-effective and efficient programs and services that support a positive quality of life.

- Support improved resources for law enforcement to deal with criminal activity of gangs
- Support local decision making for land use and development regulations.
- Support a portion of a cigarette tax increase be earmarked for parks and recreation
- Support statewide elimination of the Blue Laws
- Support flexible uses of the local hospitality and accommodations taxes



## **Encouraging local accountability and fiscal responsibility**

Strong cities are necessary to support the economic development and growth of the entire area. Local municipal leaders must have the ability to provide resources in a manner that best supports each community's local needs. Research indicates residents want local control over the laws and regulations that affect the growth and development of their hometowns. With responsibility comes accountability. South Carolina hometowns support local fiscal accountability and management of resources that are critical to supporting well-run cities.

- Support local decision making on financial priorities, recognizing cities and towns need flexible resources to meet the demands of their residents
- Support strong, locally directed fiscal accountability for municipal governments
- Support open and accountable government

# Legislative Committee

Members of the Municipal Association legislative committee guide the legislative agenda of the Association for the upcoming year. Committee members represent elected officials and municipal employees from big cities to small towns. Each president of the Association's 10 affiliates are on the committee along with the presidents of the SC Police Chiefs Association, SC Association of Fire Chiefs, SC Recreation and Parks Association, Municipal Water Quality Association and SC City and County Management Association.

## **Committee members:**

Mayor Rick Danner, Greer – Chair

Mayor Carol Burdette, Pendleton – Vice Chair

Linda Tucker, Administrator, Isle of Palms

Ray Anderson, Special Assistant, North Charleston

Mayor Paul Miller, Orangeburg

Mayor Randy Randall, Clinton

Councilmember Renee Cariveau, Spartanburg

Harry Lesesne, Assistant to the Mayor, Charleston

Mayor Sam Murray, Port Royal

Mayor John Rhoden, Hampton

Rick Cotton, City Manager, Clemson

Councilmember Chandra Dillard, Greenville

Councilmember Randal Wallace, Myrtle Beach

Mayor Kevin Johnson, Manning

Mayor Hank Johnston, Bluffton

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Mayor Bobby Horton, West Columbia

Mayor Carl Beckmann, Folly Beach

Councilmember John Howard, Lancaster

Mayor Rodney Cannon, Hardeeville

Mayor Randy Halfacre, Lexington

Dennis Pieper, Town Administrator, Summerville

Eric Budds, City Manager, Newberry

Councilmember Buddy Brand, Florence

Municipal Association Affiliates: the president of each affiliate serves on the committee

SC Association of Municipal Power Systems

SC Business Licensing Officials Association

Municipal Finance Officers, Clerks and Treasurers Association

SC Utility Billing Association

SC Community Development Association

SC Municipal Human Resources Association

SC Association of Stormwater Managers

SC Municipal Attorneys Association

Municipal Technology Association of SC

Municipal Court Administration Association

# Legislative Tracking

The legislative tracking system allows for detailed searching and up-to-the-minute tracking of daily legislative activity. Whether you are interested in just a general overview of weekly activity or the specific language and history of a bill, searching is as easy as 1-2-3.

This tracking system follows bills that directly and indirectly impact cities and towns. Bills are categorized by bill number, sponsor, tracking level (Priority, Work, Of Interest, Graveyard and Passed), subject and keyword, date introduced, and date action was taken by a subcommittee, committee or the full House or Senate. The system is also linked throughout our weekly legislative report, "From the Dome to Your Home," distributed every Friday morning during the legislative session.

Features include

- Search for bills the Association is following by bill number, introduction date, topic, legislator introducing the bill, weekly activity or tracking level.
- Scroll down to the current week's keyword entry (Week of 1.26, for example) to get the most up-to-date information as it becomes available to staff.
- See staff comments on bills and get daily updates on committee and floor activity.
- Access past weekly reports by scrolling to the bottom of the "bills by subject" box and clicking on a week.
- Send Municipal Association staff an e-mail with your feedback about specific bills.
- Contact your own legislators directly from the site (click on the "officials" link).
- Access the SC General Assembly Web site under Related Sites for live feeds of floor debate.
- Bookmark the tracking page directly at [www.ciclt.net/masc](http://www.ciclt.net/masc).

## **Definitions of monitoring levels**

Priority – important issues the Association is proactively working that directly affect cities and towns

Work – bills related to issues on the Association's "Supporting Competitiveness" legislative agenda

Of Interest – issues that would have peripheral affect on municipalities in general or issues that are specific to only certain municipalities

Graveyard – companion or similar bills that are currently inactive or idle

Passed – bills that have passed both the House and Senate

# Advocacy tools and resources

## **Legislative Tracking System**

This system allows up-to-the-minute updates on committee activity, floor debate and bill introductions.

## **“From the Dome to Your Home” and legislative alerts**

E-mailed every Friday during the legislative session, “From the Dome to Your Home” covers the week’s action in the State House along with bill introductions, committee activity and other important information. Legislative alerts are e-mailed only when specific and immediate action is needed from members.

## **Municipal News**

E-mailed every Tuesday afternoon, Municipal News is the Association’s news service that highlights exceptional articles, editorials and other items of interest to municipalities.

## ***Uptown***

The monthly newsletter reports on local government issues, legislative concerns, affiliate associations’ activities and innovative programs of member municipalities. The *Uptown Update*, a shorter version of *Uptown*, is emailed to members every Monday, and provides timely information on meetings, issues and important news.

## **Supporting the State’s Competitiveness Legislative Principles Brochure**

This tri-fold brochure, which can be localized for hometown advocacy opportunities, highlights the Association’s legislative principles of supporting the state’s competitiveness and includes the top issues on which the Association focuses its lobbying efforts.

## **Daily News Clips**

E-mailed everyday, the daily news clips gives a quick overview of news stories from around the state related to municipal government and municipal legislative issues.

## **Web site**

A one-stop shop to download turn-key resources for Hometown Happenings, talking points for State of the City addresses, speech and press release templates, facts and figures about legislative activity, and many other resources.

## **Hometown Connection**

The Hometown Connection brings municipal officials to Columbia, giving them the opportunity to talk to their legislators about the local impact of State House actions. For approximately one hour, staff briefs the visiting officials on pending legislation of municipal interest, gives them a House and Senate calendar of the day’s activities and answers questions. Following the briefing, the officials go to the State House to meet with their legislators, attend committee meetings and listen to the floor debates.

### ***Hometown, SC Legislative Action Day***

The Association presents its legislative program during the *Hometown, SC* Legislative Action Day each year. This meeting gives municipal officials the chance to meet in Columbia with members of the General Assembly and learn in-depth about the issues.

### ***Hometown, SC Road Shows***

In the fall, staff travels to all parts of the state to update members on the legislative agenda and provide advocacy and media tips. Best practices in engaging residents and business leaders are shared along with a good meal and fellowship.

### ***SC Chamber of Commerce Grassroots Regional Meetings***

Staff, board members and local elected official attend the SC Chamber meetings to have our voices heard by the business community on issues that impact our hometowns.

# Advocacy and Communications Staff

The advocacy and communications department serves as your eyes and ears at the State House as well as in the media. Technical assistance questions, lobbying, media management, newsletters, research, graphic design and legislative tracking are just a few of the services this department provides to members. Staff is available to answer questions and provide information that you need.

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# Legislation enacted into law

## Laws enacted in 2008

### **GASB 45 (S463, R300)**

Places the question of amending the state constitution to allow the state and political subdivisions to invest funds from the Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund in equity securities and be subject to the same limitations as funds in the other various state-operated retirement systems on the November General Election ballot.

### **GASB 45 trust fund (H3789, R218, A195)**

Establishes a trust fund to pay premiums and basic long-term disability income benefits for state retirees in compliance with the new accounting standards.

The SC Supreme Court heard arguments in February in the Thomas Frances O'Brien V. SC Other Retirement Investment Trust, the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the City of Charleston. At press time, the court had not issued an opinion.

### **Wireless Broadband (H4735, R291)**

Establishes a commission to oversee the valuation of the 67 licenses currently operated by ETV and recommend the procedure to be used to bid the leasing of this asset.

### **Illegal immigration reform (H4400, R327, A280)**

Requires a private employer, public employer and a contractor doing business with a public employer to register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify citizenship in the country. This legislation also includes language that prohibits local laws from limiting enforcement.

### **Police training reimbursements (H3326, R321, A269)**

Allows departments to recover cost of training an officer who leaves for another department within two years after the officer has completed training.

### **Bicycle safety (H3006, R367)**

Outlines traffic regulations related to bicyclists.

### **Property tax exemptions (H3008, R368)**

Allows a charitable entity to hold real property for future use in a property tax exempt status for three years.

### **Residence of sex offenders (H3094, R410)**

Limits the location where a sex offender may reside and provides a penalty for a person who violates this provision. This bill requires local law enforcement agencies to check the school districts' web sites to determine if each school district has complied with this subsection.

### **Religious references to God (H3159, R370)**

Provides that religious references to God, a deity, or a higher power of any denomination or religion may be used in approved displays, monuments, plaques, or similar fixtures in state or local public areas, buildings or places.



**Net metering (H3395, R247)**

Provides the Office of Regulatory Staff will make recommendations for the process and procedures of establishing net metering programs at all distribution electric utilities in the state, including municipal-owned electric utilities. The General Assembly requests that each electric cooperative and municipal-owned electric utility provide recommendations for process and procedures for establishing net metering programs to the South Carolina Energy Office and the Office of Regulatory Staff by December 1, 2008.

**Uniform Real Property Recording Act (H3451, R248, A210)**

Provides the Register of Mesne Conveyance in a county to receive and record documents and information in electronic form. Establishes requirements for acceptance of electronic documents.

**Environmental certification board license (H3543, R249, A223)**

Requires that applicants seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license meet certain continuing education requirements. Allows a licensee to file an application to reinstate a lapsed license for up to one year instead of 90 days.

**Traffic Diversion Program Act (H3572, R186, A176)**

Provides that each solicitor has the authority to establish a program for people who commit traffic-related offenses punishable by fine or loss of points. Authorizes solicitors to contract for services with the appropriate municipality or county, and provides procedures for operating a traffic diversion program and requirements for people desiring to enter a program.

**Revises the Joint Municipal Power and Energy Act (H3309, R412)**

Makes changes in definitions and authority of the Joint Municipal Power and Energy Act.

**Law enforcement technical changes (H3623, R414)**

Replaces the terms "Department of Public Safety" and "Law Enforcement Training Council" with "The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy."

**Energy Freedom and Rural Development Act (H3649, R274, A261)**

Allows a sales tax rebate for the purchase of certain plug-in vehicles and equipment used to convert a hybrid vehicle into a hybrid plug-in vehicle. Establishes the South Carolina Renewable Energy Infrastructure Development Fund.

**Brownfields/voluntary cleanup program (H3880, R376)**

Revises the liability protection provided to parties not responsible for environmental contamination of property and who become responsible for the property. Specifies the contents of a voluntary cleanup contract and grounds for termination of the contract.

**Property maintenance in York County (H4450, R277, A236)**

Provides that the SC Department of Transportation shall maintain all property and vegetation under its control at Exit 90 along I-77 in York County.

**Tax credits for fire sprinklers (H4470, R385)**

Allows a municipality by ordinance to grant a property tax credit equal to 25 percent of the cost of installing a fire sprinkler system. If a property tax credit is granted, there will also be a state income tax credit equal to 25 percent of the installation cost of the sprinkler system. All fees are capped at the actual costs associated with the water line to the system.

**Real estate business license fees (H4554, R421)**

Prevents the governing body of a county or municipality from imposing a license on a real estate agent, but must charge the license fee to the broker-in-charge. If the person or business taxed, pays a business license tax to a county or to another municipality where the income is earned, the gross income for the purpose of computing the tax must be reduced by the amount of gross income taxed in the other county or municipality. This bill is intended to clarify where realtor business income is taxed for business license purposes and to avoid multiple taxation of that income.

**Gang prevention study committee (H4630, R201)**

Creates a new gang prevention study committee to continue the work of the initial gang prevention study committee.

**“Cities Mean Business” Day resolution (H4646)**

Declares Wednesday, February 20, 2008, as “Cities Mean Business” Day in South Carolina.

**Tax increment financing (H4743, R386)**

Provides that the term “redevelopment project” also includes affordable housing projects where all or a part of new property tax revenues generated in the tax increment financing district are used to provide or support publicly owned affordable housing in the district. The bill was also amended to include a provision that allows rural water districts to provide sewer.

**Residential Improvement District Act (H4745, R422)**

Provides that a county and municipality may create an improvement district comprised of non-contiguous parcels of land and that the county and municipality may use assessments to fund improvements located outside the boundaries of an improvement district. This bill also allows an assessment to be used for the construction and operation of improvements to fund construction and maintenance of infrastructure and improvements for new development.

**SC Motion Picture Incentive Act of 2008 (H4815, R392)**

Enacts the SC Motion Picture Incentive Act that provides tax incentives for motion picture productions in the state. The bill also eliminates the rebate of state and local sales taxes provided under former law.

**Fees for automobile manufacturer license plate (H4830, R224)**

Provides that in 2009 and 2010, the annual fee for the automobile manufacturer standard license plate for vehicles in manufacturer’s employee benefit program is \$726. This bill also provides that \$20 of each fee is credited to the general fund of the state and the balance to local governments.

**Abandoned or derelict motor vehicles (H4847, R394, A308)**

Deletes the term “law enforcement officer” and replaces it with “officer” and also revises the conditions upon which a colored tag may be placed on an abandoned vehicle, the level of notice conveyed by the colored tag, and the period for which the colored tag and notice are valid.

**Purchase of copper and other metals (H4930, R335, A260)**

Provides that the purchaser of copper and other certain metals from a person who is not an authorized retailer or wholesaler must pay by check or money order, obtain the seller’s identification number and license plate, and maintain the record for five years. Preempts local ordinances and regulations governing the purchase or sale of nonferrous metals in any amount except to the extent that such ordinances pertain to zoning or business license fees.

**Lightrail consortium for education (H4953, R428)**

Establishes the SC Lightrail Consortium and provides for the governance of the consortium, its funding, duties and powers.

**Criminal records check for firefighters (H5009, R397, A309)**

Provides that no person may volunteer, be employed or perform duties as a firefighter if he or she has been convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to arson.

**Voting precincts in Anderson County (H5015, R267, A217)**

Redesignates a map number for the map on which lines of the voting precincts in Anderson County are delineated and maintained by the Office of Research and Statistics of the SC Budget and Control Board.

**Voting precincts in Chesterfield County (H5090, R399, A294)**

Designates a map number on which lines of certain precincts in Chesterfield County are delineated and maintained by the Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board.

**25th anniversary of the Town of Hilton Head Island (H5136)**

Celebrates the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Town of Hilton Head Island, and congratulates Mayor Tom Peebles and the citizens of Hilton Head Island for a quarter century of displaying Lowcountry charm and hospitality.

**Children in the voting booth (S14, R236, A205)**

Allows a dependent child of a qualified elector to accompany them in the voting booth while casting his ballot.

**Defibrillator training immunity (S71, R237, A206)**

Gives immunity from civil liability to people that teach or provide a training program for cardiopulmonary resuscitation that includes training in the use of automated external defibrillators.

**Municipal court assessments (S88, R338, A283)**

Provides that state assessments on magistrate’s court or municipal court offenses may not be imposed on prohibited area parking violations and violations for parking in places clearly designated for the handicapped. Also requires a municipality to wait 30 days before adding any fees to a parking ticket.

**Blocking video and audio on cable channels (S598, R197, A182)**

Requires a cable or video service provider to block all video and audio on any channel that a subscriber has not purchased.

**Invocation at public meetings (S638, R282, A241)**

Allows state or local governing bodies to adopt a policy allowing for an opening invocation at public proceedings using one of three methods outlined in the bill.

**Uninsured funds on deposit (S642, R271, A231)**

Defines a “qualified public depository” as a national banking association, state banking association, federal savings and loan association, or federal savings bank located in the state and any bank, trust company or savings institution organized under the law of SC. Allows the depository to secure the uninsured funds using one of two methods: the dedicated method or the pooling method.

**Homestead property tax exemption (S652, R203, A184)**

Allows applications for a homestead property tax exemption for those who qualify be submitted by mail or by Internet, and provides circumstances when mail or Internet applications may be processed.

**Town of Pageland Centennial Celebration (S940)**

Congratulates the Town of Pageland on its centennial celebration.

**City of West Columbia Municipal Achievement Award (S941)**

Congratulates the City of West Columbia for winning a 2007 Municipal Achievement Award.

**Excise tax on alcohol (S951, R345, A287)**

Provides that the minimum distribution from the 5 percent excise tax on the sale of alcohol for on-premise consumption to state agencies, counties and local entities must be based on revenues received in FY 2004-2005, rather than revenues allocated.

**Enforcement of boating laws (S987, R406)**

Provides for the further enforcement of boating laws by all law enforcement officers and provides penalties for certain violations relating to operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Town of Elgin 100th anniversary (S1013)**

Congratulates the Town of Elgin on its 100th anniversary.

**Sunshine Week (S1037)**

Reaffirms the General Assembly’s commitment to open government in South Carolina and declares March 16, 2008, as “Sunshine Sunday” and March 16 - 22, 2008, as “Open Government Week in South Carolina.”

**Discharging a firearm on private property (S1039, R239, A220)**

Prohibits a county or municipality from enacting an ordinance that prohibits a landowner from discharging a firearm on his or her property to protect family members, employees, or the general public from animals posing a threat or danger. The property must be 25 acres or more.

**Educational broadband service exemption (S1077, R241, A208)**

Exempts the licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission to Greenville Technical College and Trident Technical College that authorize the use of the educational broadband service spectrum.

**“Cities Mean Business” day (S1101)**

Declares February 20, 2008, as “Cities Mean Business” day in South Carolina.

**Manufacturer personal property (S1171, R359)**

Provides that a manufacturer is not required to list or return personal property for ad valorem tax purposes if the property remains in this state but has not been used in operations for the entire reporting period of the manufacturer.

**Transportation infrastructure study committee (S1182, R313)**

Establishes a study committee to study the feasibility and benefits of the construction, operation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure through the utilization of public-private partnerships and ventures.

**Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act (S1232, R362)**

Allows a 1 percent local sales and use tax to be imposed in a county for not more than 15 years upon referendum approval, with the revenues of the tax used by the county’s school district board of trustees to pay for specific public school capital improvements.

**City of North Myrtle Beach 40th Anniversary (S1325)**

Congratulates North Myrtle Beach on its 40th anniversary and commends city manager John Smithson and the city council for 40 years of prosperity.

## Laws Enacted in 2007

### **Primary elections (S99, R108, A81)**

Provides for presidential preference primaries by the State Election Commission and establishes the requirements for the primaries. This bill also exempts municipalities and presidential preference primaries from the mandatory date of the second Tuesday in June of each general election year for primaries.

### **Assessments on campers (S139, R86, A66)**

Adds trailers used for camping and recreational travel that are pulled by a motor vehicle to the definition of motor homes. This changes the assessment ratio on these trailers from 10.5 percent to 6 percent, reduces the amount of revenue collected on these trailers by \$2.6 million in FY 2007-08 and shifts this amount among and within the other classes of property.

### **Criminal gangs (S141, R109, A82)**

Provides for a civil cause of action against a criminal gang or criminal gang member by a person threatened by criminal gang or criminal gang member. This bill also provides for protection of an informant's identity.

### **Law enforcement officer transfer (S146, R5, A3)**

Allows the temporary transfer of a municipal or court law enforcement officer to work on criminal investigations that involve multiple jurisdictions. This bill also allows an officer to work in another jurisdiction without being accompanied by an officer from that jurisdiction.

### **Property tax constitutional amendment (S153, R25, A12)**

Ratifies an amendment to the state constitution that establishes a value cap of 15 percent over five years on the assessment of real property.

### **Eminent domain constitutional amendment (S155, R26, A15)**

Ratifies an amendment to the constitution that prohibits the taking of private property through eminent domain for any purpose including economic development, unless the condemnation is for public use. This bill also grants exception for removing blight.

### **Hydrogen infrastructure development fund (S243, R111, A83)**

Establishes the South Carolina Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund.

### **Priority Investment Act (S266, R52, A31)**

Amends the 1994 Comprehensive Planning Act and encourages governments to talk with each other about planning and zoning as well as key infrastructure, such as roads and water and sewer lines. It also requires cities and counties to notify neighboring governments formally about their plans and allow them to comment. There is no penalty if governments don't share the information with others.

**Joint Municipal Electric Power and Energy Act (S312, R54, A32)**

Deletes the requirement that the acquisition of a system or facility to generate, transmit or transform electric power and energy be by purchase from an electric supplier generally serving the area in which members are located.

**Workers' compensation reform (S332, R163, A111)**

Limits the disability award to 10 percent greater than the medical impairment rating unless the commissioner finds extraordinary circumstances and presumes 50 percent or more loss of use of the back is total and permanent disability. This bill also provides that an employee seeking treatment is considered to have given consent for release of medical records and provides communication options. It also includes a requirement to account for third-party reimbursements in experience modification.

**Unemployment benefits for military spouses (S334, R88, A67)**

Provides that leaving an employer because of the transfer of a spouse from one military assignment to another does not disqualify a person from receiving benefits.

**Sunshine Sunday and Open Government Week (S358)**

Recognizes the role played by the Freedom of Information Act in open government and to express appreciation to the SC Press Association for its role in promoting open government. The resolution also declared March 11, 2007, as Sunshine Sunday and March 11-17, 2007, as Open Government Week in SC.

**Millage cap (S367, R89, A57)**

Clarifies the method of distribution to the school districts from the Homestead Exemption Fund. The bill also provides that a negative population growth or negative CPI should be counted as zero and not decrease the millage cap.

**Base Load Review Act (S431, R28, A16)**

Provides parameters to determine which supplier may serve premises that consist of multiple buildings, structures or facilities. Recognizes the authority of the commission to act when it finds that an electric supplier is not providing adequate and dependable service. Defines situations where service by electric utilities, distribution electric cooperatives and consolidated political subdivisions must seek commission approval before construction of facilities.

**Jessica Horton Campus Crime Act (S459, R91, A53)**

Requires that campus police officers work with local law enforcement agencies on the investigation of a death or rape resulting from an incident occurring on the campus of an institution of higher learning.

**Hometown, SC Day (S466)**

Declared Wednesday, February 28, 2007, *Hometown, SC Day* to recognize and honor the value of South Carolina cities and towns to the state's economic prosperity.

**Open Government Week (S496)**

Declared March 11, 2007, as Sunshine Sunday and March 11-17, 2007, as Open Government Week in South Carolina.



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Creates the ATM Safety Act, and adds ATM offenses to the list of serious offenses.

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Clears up a very strict interpretation of state law by the Ethics Commission. Under the opinion, many professionals would have been forced to resign from their positions on municipal councils as well as boards and commissions of those councils. This bill allows members of those councils and board recusal rights, currently in South Carolina statute.

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**Abandoned Manufactured Home Removal Act (H3456, R71, A45)**

Establishes a procedure for the demolition and disposal of abandoned manufactured homes.



**Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Act (H3466, R56, A33)**

Permits the Department of Natural Resources to remove or require removal of certain structures from public waters under specific conditions. Provides authority to municipalities and counties to declare these structures nuisances and require removal.

**Regulating fire sprinkler contractors (H3481, R133, A93)**

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**Agritourism (H3568, R135, A76)**

Provides for additional agritourism uses of agricultural land so that the agriculture use classification isn't affected. The agritourism business must not be the primary use of the land but supplemental to the agricultural business.

**Wireless broadband (H3569, R136, A169)**

Creates the SC Wireless Technology and Communications Commission to study and develop a statewide wireless broadband network. The Municipal Association worked with committee members to ensure municipal interests had a voting role on the Commission.

**State budget (H3620, R175, A117)**

Includes operating costs for state agencies as well as funding and a proviso for the competitive grants program to be administered through local governments. A temporary suspension of blue laws is included in the budget along with funding for census preparation, education and training.

**Alcohol excise tax (H3659, R98, A36)**

Requires that state agencies or local entities that do not receive at least the same amount of revenue from the excise tax as they did from the mini-bottle tax in 2004-2005 must be paid the difference from the general fund within 30 days after the close of each quarter in a calendar year.

**Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (H3711, R74, A59)**

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## **Appendix A**

### **Laws Enacted in 2007-2008 by Keyword**

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## **Business Licensing**

### **Real estate business license fees (H4554, R421)**

Prevents the governing body of a county or municipality from imposing a license on a real estate agent, but must charge the license fee to the broker-in-charge. If the person or business taxed pays a business license tax to a county or to another municipality where the income is earned, the gross income for the purpose of computing the tax must be reduced by the amount of gross income taxed in the other county or municipality. This bill is intended to clarify where realtor business income is taxed for business license purposes and to avoid multiple taxation of that income.

## **Courts**

### **Municipal court assessments (S88, R338, A283)**

Provides that state assessments on magistrate's court or municipal court offenses may not be imposed on prohibited area parking violations and violations for parking in places clearly designated for the handicapped. Also requires a municipality to wait 30 days before adding any fees to a parking ticket.

## **Economic Development**

### **Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund (S243, R111, A83)**

Establishes the South Carolina Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund.

### **Agritourism (H3568, R135, A76)**

Provides for additional agritourism uses of agricultural land so that the agriculture use classification isn't affected. The agritourism business must not be the primary use of the land but supplemental to the agricultural business.

## **Elections**

### **Primary elections (S99, R108, A81)**

Provides for presidential preference primaries by the State Election Commission and establishes

the requirements for the primaries. This bill also exempts municipalities and presidential preference primaries from the mandatory date of the second Tuesday in June of each general election year for primaries.

**Public official recusal (H3226, R12, A10)**

Clears up a very strict interpretation of state law by the Ethics Commission. Under the opinion, many professionals would have been forced to resign from their positions on municipal councils as well as boards and commissions of those councils. This bill allows members of those councils and board recusal rights, currently in South Carolina statute.

**Voting precincts in Anderson County (H5015, R267, A217)**

Redesignates a map number for the map on which lines of the voting precincts in Anderson county are delineated and maintained by the Office of Research and Statistics of the SC Budget and Control Board.

**Voting precincts in Chesterfield County (H5090, R399, A294)**

Designates a map number on which lines of certain precincts in Chesterfield County are delineated and maintained by the Office of Research and Statistics of the State Budget and Control Board.

**Children in the voting booth (S14, R236, A205)**

Allows a dependent child of a qualified elector to accompany them in the voting booth while casting his ballot.

## **Employment/Personnel**

**GASB 45 (S463, R300)**

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to allow the state to invest funds from the post-employment benefits trust fund in equity securities and be subject to the same limitations as funds in the other various state-operated retirement systems. The referendum question will be on the ballot in the November general election.

**GASB 45 trust fund (H3789, R218, A195)**

Establishes a trust fund to pay premiums and basic long-term disability income benefits for state retirees in compliance with the new accounting standards.

The SC Supreme Court heard arguments in February in the Thomas Frances O'Brien V. SC Other Retirement Investment Trust, the Municipal Association of South Carolina and the City of Charleston. At press time, the court had not issued an opinion.

**Workers' compensation reform (S332, R163, A111)**

Limits the disability award to 10 percent greater than the medical impairment rating unless the commissioner finds extraordinary circumstances and presumes 50 percent or more loss of use of the back is total and permanent disability. This bill also provides that an employee seeking treatment is considered to have given consent for release of medical records and provides communication options. It also includes requirement to account for third-party reimbursements in experience modification.

**Unemployment benefits for military spouses (S334, R88, A67)**

Provides that leaving an employer because of the transfer of a spouse from one military assignment to another does not disqualify a person from receiving benefits.

**Finance/Revenue/Taxes**

**Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act (S1232, R362)**

Allows a 1 percent local sales and use tax to be imposed in a county for not more than 15 years upon referendum approval, with the revenues of the tax used by the county's school district board of trustees to pay for specific public school capital improvements.

**Manufacturer personal property (S1171, R359)**

Provides that a manufacturer is not required to list or return personal property for ad valorem tax purposes if the property remains in this state but has not been used in operations for the entire reporting period of the manufacturer.

**Homestead property tax exemption (S652, R203, A184)**

Allows applications for a homestead property tax exemption for those who qualify be submitted by mail or by Internet, and provides circumstances when mail or internet applications may be processed.

**Excise tax on alcohol (S951, R345, A287)**

Provides that the minimum distribution from the 5 percent excise tax on the sale of alcohol for on-premise consumption to state agencies, counties and local entities must be based on revenues received in FY 2004-2005, rather than revenues allocated.

**SC Motion Picture Incentive Act of 2008 (H4815, R392)**

Enacts the SC Motion Picture Incentive Act that provides tax incentives for motion picture productions in the state. The bill also eliminates the rebate of state and local sales taxes provided under former law.

**Tax increment financing (H4743, R386)**

Provides that the term "redevelopment project" also includes affordable housing projects where all or a part of new property tax revenues generated in the tax increment financing district are used to provide or support publicly owned affordable housing in the district. The bill was also amended to include a provision that allows rural water districts to provide sewer.

**Tax credits for fire sprinklers (H4470, R385)**

Allows a municipality by ordinance to grant a property tax credit equal to 25 percent of the cost of installing a fire sprinkler system. If a property tax credit is granted, there will also be a state income tax credit equal to 25 percent of the installation cost of the sprinkler system. All fees are capped at the actual costs associated with the water line to the system.

**Property tax exemptions (H3008, R368)**

Allows a charitable entity to hold real property for future use in a property tax exempt status for three years.

**Assessments on campers (S139, R86, A66)**

Adds trailers used for camping and recreational travel that are pulled by a motor vehicle to the definition of motor homes. This effectively changes the assessment ratio on these trailers from 10.5 percent to 6 percent, reduces the amount of revenue collected on these trailers by \$2.6 million in FY 2007-08 and shifts this amount among and within the other classes of property.

**Property tax constitutional amendment (S153, R25, A12)**

Ratifies an amendment to the constitution that establishes a value cap of 15 percent over five years on the assessment of real property.

**Alcohol excise tax (H3659, R98, A36)**

Requires that state agencies or local entities that do not receive at least the same amount of revenue from the excise tax as they did from the mini-bottle tax in 2004-2005 must be paid the difference from the general fund within 30 days after the close of each quarter in a calendar year.

**Millage cap (S367, R89, A57)**

Clarifies the method of distribution to the school districts from the Homestead Exemption Fund. The bill also provides that a negative population growth or negative CPI should be counted as zero and not decrease the millage cap.

**Property taxes on watercrafts and outboard motors (H3233, R127, A91)**

Requires all personal property taxes on a watercraft and outboard motor to be current prior to a transfer of title.

**Fees for automobile manufacturer license plate (H4830, R224)**

Provides that in 2009 and 2010, the annual fee for the automobile manufacturer standard license plate for vehicles in manufacturer's employee benefit program is \$726. This bill also provides that \$20 of each fee is credited to the general fund of the state and the balance to local governments.

**Video services included in state-issued franchise (H3396, R20, A8)**

Includes video services regarding cable services and makes the provisions of the state-issued certificate of franchise authority applicable to video services provided through wireless facilities.

**Energy Freedom and Rural Development Act (H3649, R274, A261)**

Allows a sales tax rebate for the purchase of certain plug-in vehicles and equipment used to convert a hybrid vehicle into a hybrid plug-in vehicle. Establishes the South Carolina Renewable Energy Infrastructure Development Fund.

**Residential Improvement District Act (H4745, R422)**

Provides that a county and municipality may create an improvement district comprised of non-contiguous parcels of land and that the county and municipality may use assessments to fund improvements located outside the boundaries of an improvement district. This bill also allows an assessment to be used for the construction and operation of improvements to fund construction and maintenance of infrastructure and improvements for new development.

**Uninsured funds on deposit (S642, R271, A231)**

Defines a “qualified public depository” as a national banking association, state banking association, federal savings and loan association, or federal savings bank located in the state and any bank, trust company or savings institution organized under the law of SC. Allows the Depository to secure the uninsured funds using one of two methods: the Dedicated Method or the Pooling Method.

**General Governance**

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**Wireless commission (H3569, R136, A169)**

Creates the SC Wireless Technology and Communications Commission to study and develop a statewide wireless broadband network. The Municipal Association worked with committee members to ensure municipal interests had a voting role on the Commission.

**Wireless broadband (H4735, R291)**

This bill has been amended from the current version as passed by the House of Representatives. This resolution would establish a commission to oversee the valuation of the 67 licenses currently operated by ETV and recommend the procedure to be used to bid the leasing of this asset.

**Summerton may mow beyond 30 feet from pavement (H3890, R78, A48)**

Allows the Town of Summerton to mow beyond 30 feet from pavement at the interchange of I-95 and S14-102 in Clarendon County.

**Religious references to God (H3159, R370)**

Provides that religious references to God, a deity, or a higher power of any denomination or religion may be used in approved displays, monuments, plaques, or similar fixtures in state or local public areas, buildings or places.

**Uniform Real Property Recording Act (H3451, R248, A210)**

Provides the Register of Mesne Conveyance in a county to receive and record documents and information in electronic form. Establishes requirements for acceptance of electronic documents.

**Environmental certification board license (H3543, R249, A223)**

Requires that applicants seeking reinstatement of a lapsed license meet certain continuing education requirements. Allows a licensee to file an application to reinstate a lapsed license for up to one year instead of 90 days.

**Lightrail consortium for education (H4953, R428)**

Establishes the SC Lightrail Consortium and provides for the governance of the consortium, its funding, duties and powers.



**Invocation at public meetings (S638, R282, A241)**

Allows state or local governing bodies to adopt a policy allowing for an opening invocation at public proceedings using one of three methods outlined in the bill.

**Educational broadband service exemption (S1077, R241, A208)**

Exempts the licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission to Greenville Technical College and Trident Technical College that authorize the use of the educational broadband service spectrum.

**Growth****Eminent Domain Study Committee (S661, R65, A167)**

Extends the deadline of report due by the Eminent Domain Study Committee to January 31, 2008.

**Eminent domain constitutional amendment (S155, R26, A15)**

Ratifies an amendment to the state constitution that prohibits the taking of private property through eminent domain for any purpose including economic development, unless the condemnation is for public use. This bill also grants exception for removing blight.

**Priority Investment Act (S266, R52, A31)**

Amends the 1994 Comprehensive Planning Act and encourages governments to talk with each other about planning and zoning as well as key infrastructure, such as roads and water and sewer lines. It also requires cities and counties to notify neighboring governments formally about their plans and allow them to comment. There is no penalty if governments don't share the information with others.

**Legal****Defibrillator training immunity (S71, R237, A206)**

Gives immunity from civil liability to people that teach or provide a training program for cardio-pulmonary resuscitation that includes training in the use of automated external defibrillators.

**Public Safety****Gang prevention study committee (H4630, R201)**

Creates a new gang prevention study committee to continue the work of the initial gang prevention study committee.

**Criminal records check for firefighters (H5009, R397, A309)**

Provides that no person may volunteer, be employed or perform duties as a firefighter if he or she has been convicted, pled guilty or pled nolo contendere to arson.

**Enforcement of boating laws (S987, R406)**

Provides for the further enforcement of boating laws by all law enforcement officers and provides penalties for certain violations relating to operating a boat under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Abandoned or derelict motor vehicles (H4847, R394, A308)**

Deletes the term “law enforcement officer” and replaces it with “officer” and also revises the conditions upon which a colored tag may be placed on an abandoned vehicle, the level of notice conveyed by the colored tag, and the period for which the colored tag and notice are valid.

**Illegal immigration reform (H4400, R327, A280)**

Requires a private employer, public employer and a contractor doing business with a public employer to register and participate in the federal work authorization program to verify citizenship in the country. This legislation also includes language that prohibits local laws from limiting enforcement.

**Police training reimbursements (H3326, R321, A269)**

Allows departments to recover cost of training an officer who leaves for another department within two years after the officer has completed training.

**Bicycle Safety (H3006, R367)**

Outlines traffic regulations related to bicyclists.

**Residence of Sex Offenders (H3094, R410)**

Limits the location where a sex offender may reside and provides a penalty for a person who violates this provision. Local law enforcement agencies must check the school districts’ web sites to determine if each school district has complied with this subsection.

**Criminal gangs (S141, R109, A82)**

Provides for a civil cause of action against a criminal gang or criminal gang member by a person threatened by criminal gang or criminal gang member. This bill also provides for protection of an informant’s identity.

**Law enforcement officer transfer (S146, R5, A3)**

Allows the temporary transfer of a municipal or court law enforcement officer to work on criminal investigations that involve multiple jurisdictions. This bill also allows an officer to work in another jurisdiction without being accompanied by an officer from that jurisdiction.

**Jessica Horton Campus Crime Act (S459, R91, A53)**

Requires that campus police officers work with local law enforcement agencies on the investigation of a death or rape resulting from an incident occurring on the campus of an institution of higher learning.

**Grants for fire departments (H3045, R124, A89)** Requires the General Assembly to appropriate funds annually for grants that must be awarded to certain volunteer and combination fire departments to protect local communities and regional response areas from incidents of fire, hazardous materials and terrorism. It also provides that grants must be administered by the SC Firefighters Association in conjunction with a peer review panel.

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**Appointing reserve police officers (H3428, R70, A44)**

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**Traffic Diversion Program Act (H3572, R186, A176)**

Provides that each solicitor has the authority to establish a program for people who commit traffic - related offenses punishable by fine or loss of points. Authorizes solicitors to contract for services with the appropriate municipality or county, and provides procedures for operating a traffic diversion program and requirements for people desiring to enter a program.

**Discharging a firearm on private property (S1039, R239, A220)**

Prohibits a county or municipality from enacting an ordinance that prohibits a landowner from discharging a firearm on his or her property to protect family members, employees, or the general public from animals posing a threat or danger. The property must be 25 acres or more.

**Law enforcement technical changes (H3623, R414)**

Replaces the terms “Department of Public Safety” and “Law Enforcement Training Council” with “The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.”

**Resolutions**

**Sunshine Sunday and Open Government Week Resolution (S358)**

Recognizes the role played by the Freedom of Information Act in open government and to express appreciation to the SC Press Association for its role in promoting open government. The resolution also declared March 11, 2007, as Sunshine Sunday and March 11-17, 2007, as Open Government Week in SC.

**Hometown, SC Day Resolution (S466)**

Declared Wednesday, February 28, 2007, *Hometown, SC Day* to recognize and honor the value of South Carolina cities and towns to the state’s economic prosperity.

**Open Government Week Resolution (S496)**

Declared March 11, 2007, as Sunshine Sunday and March 11-17, 2007, as Open Government Week in South Carolina.

**“Cities Mean Business” Day Resolution (H4646)**

Declares Wednesday, February 20, 2008 as “Cities Mean Business” Day in South Carolina.

**25th Anniversary of the Town of Hilton Head Island (H5136)**

Celebrates the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Town of Hilton Head Island, and congratulates Mayor Tom Peebles and the citizens of Hilton Head Island for a quarter century of displaying Lowcountry charm and hospitality.

**Town of Pageland Centennial Celebration (S940)**

Congratulates the Town of Pageland on its centennial celebration.

**City of West Columbia Municipal Achievement Award (S941)**

Congratulates the City of West Columbia for winning a 2007 Municipal Achievement Award.

**Town of Elgin 100th anniversary (S1013)**

Congratulates the Town of Elgin on its 100th anniversary.

**Sunshine Week Resolution (S1037)**

Reaffirms the General Assembly's commitment to open government in South Carolina and declares March 16, 2008, as "Sunshine Sunday" and March 16 - 22, 2008 as "Open Government Week in South Carolina."

**"Cities Mean Business" Day Resolution (S1101)**

Declares February 20, 2008, as "Cities Mean Business" day in South Carolina.

**City of North Myrtle Beach 40th Anniversary Resolution (S1325)**

Congratulates North Myrtle Beach on its 40th anniversary and commends city manager John Smithson and the city council for 40 years of prosperity.

## **Transportation**

**Transportation Infrastructure Study Committee (S1182, R313)**

Establishes a study committee to study the feasibility and benefits of the construction, operation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure through the utilization of public-private partnerships and ventures.

**Property maintenance in York County (H4450, R277, A236)**

Provides that the SC Department of Transportation shall maintain all property and vegetation under its control at Exit 90 along I-77 in York County.

## **Utilities**

**Net metering (H3395, R247)**

Provides the Office of Regulatory Staff will make recommendations for the process and procedures of establishing net metering programs at all distribution electric utilities in the state, including municipal-owned electric utilities. The General Assembly requests that each electric cooperative and municipal-owned electric utility provide recommendations for process and procedures for establishing net metering programs to the South Carolina Energy Office and the Office of Regulatory Staff by December 1, 2008.

**Joint Municipal Electric Power and Energy Act (S312, R54, A32)**

Deletes the requirement that the acquisition of a project be by purchase from an electric supplier generally serving the area in which members are located.

**Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (H3711, R74, A59)**

Changes the Joint Municipal Water Systems Act to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act. Provides that a joint system may enter into a contract to sell water or provide sewer service.

This bill protects cities and towns that offer water and sewer services from these federally protected districts.

**Revises the Joint Municipal Power and Energy Act (H3309, R412)**

Makes changes in definitions and authority of the Joint Municipal Power and Energy Act.

**Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Act (H3466, R56, A33)**

Permits the Department of Natural Resources to remove or require removal of certain structures from public waters under specific conditions. Provides authority to municipalities and counties to declare these structures nuisances and require removal.

**Base Load Review Act (S431, R28, A16)**

Provides parameters to determine which supplier may serve premises that consist of multiple buildings, structures or facilities. Recognizes the authority of the commission to act when it finds that an electric supplier is not providing adequate and dependable service. Defines situations where service by electric utilities, distribution electric cooperatives and consolidated political subdivisions must seek commission approval before construction of facilities.

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**Brownfields/voluntary cleanup program (H3880, R376)**

Revises the liability protection provided to parties not responsible for environmental contamination of property and who become responsible for the property. Specifies the contents of a voluntary cleanup contract and grounds for termination of the contract.

**Purchase of copper and other metals (H4930, R335, A260)**

Provides that the purchaser of copper and other certain metals from a person who is not an authorized retailer or wholesaler must pay by check or money order, obtain the seller's identification number and license plate, and maintain the record for five years. Preempts local ordinances and regulations governing the purchase or sale of nonferrous metals in any amount except to the extent that such ordinances pertain to zoning or business license fees.

**Blocking video and audio on cable channels (S598, R197, A182)**

Requires a cable or video service provider to block all video and audio on any channel that a subscriber has not purchased.



## **Appendix B**

### **Bills Tracked by Number**

Bill#	Title	Tracking Level	Sponsor	Latest Action Date	Latest Action
H 3006	Bicycle Road provisions	Passed	J.E. Smith	6.23.2008	Effective date 06.10.08
H 3007	TERI Bill	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3008	Charitable organizations	Passed	Ballentine	6.12.2008	Became law without Governor's signature
H 3010	SC police officers retirement system	Of Interest	Talley	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3012	Sales tax exemption	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3013	Tangible personal property	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.11.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 3015	Tax credit	Work	W.D. Smith	4.25.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3016	Military Preparedness and Enhancement Act	Graveyard	Ceips	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3025	Immigration assistance	Work	Viers	3.7.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 3026	Chief of SLED	Work	Viers	1.30.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gullick
H 3029	Federal work authorization program	Work	Viers	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3030	Rural community water district	Of Interest	J.R. Smith	6.5.2008	House 24 hour point of order
H 3032	Illegal aliens	Work	Viers	5.15.2008	Senate Conference committee appointed McConnell, Verdin, and Sheheen
H 3037	Illegal Aliens and Public Benefits Act	Work	Viers	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3041	Procurement Code	Work	Talley	1.23.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3045	Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment Act of 2007	Passed	Cooper	6.27.2007	Act No. 89
H 3049	Criminal Gang Prevention Act	Graveyard	Toole	1.30.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
H 3052	Treason and eminent domain powers	Work	Coleman	1.31.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3060	Illegal Aliens and Public Employment Act	Work	Ceips	1.16.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3062	Summons to appear in Municipal Court	Of Interest	G.M. Smith	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3064	Real property taxes	Of Interest	Cotty	1.30.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Crawford
H 3066	Priority Investment Act	Graveyard	Hagood	5.9.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper
H 3067	Eminent domain	Work	Coleman	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3068	Illegal Aliens and Public Benefits Act; Illegal Immigration Reform Act; Registration of Immigration Assistance Act	Work	Viers	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary



H 3079	Appeal of county assessor's property tax assessment	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3092	Red Light Running Act of 2007	Work	Hamilton	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3094	Sex offenders	Passed	Brady	6.16.2008	Signed By Governor
H 3108	Voice mail system	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3114	Priority Investment Act	Of Interest	M.A. Pitts	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3115	Sewage collection and disposal	Passed	Pinson	6.15.2007	Act No. 30
H 3119	Smoking	Work	Rutherford	1.11.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 3141	Illegal Aliens and Public Benefits Act; Omnibus Security and Immigration Compliance Act; Registration of Immigration Assistance Act	Work	Davenport	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3146	Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Act	Of Interest	Harrell	2.21.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
H 3148	Immigration Compliance Act of 2008	Work	M.A. Pitts	1.10.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: E.H.Pitts
H 3154	Wind and hail insurance	Of Interest	Clemmons	2.15.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Viers
H 3159	Religious references to God, a deity, etc.	Passed	Toole	6.11.2008	Signed By Governor
H 3174	Representation by a public official	Of Interest	Hardwick	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3193	Initiative petition	Of Interest	Davenport	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3194	Impeachment procedures	Of Interest	Davenport	1.9.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3199	ATM Safety Act	Passed	G.M. Smith	6.18.2007	Act No. 72
H 3210	Oconee County homestead property tax exemption	Of Interest	Sandifer	2.7.2007	House Committed to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3211	Emergency medical services personnel	Of Interest	Harrell	1.11.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 3224	Wind and hail insurance	Of Interest	Miller	1.23.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Scarborough
H 3226	Conflicts of interest	Passed	Clemmons	5.7.2007	Act No. 10
H 3233	Watercraft and outboard motor property tax	Passed	Scarborough	6.27.2007	Act No. 91
H 3252	Local option sales and use tax	Of Interest	Ceips	2.13.2007	Senate Referred to delegation from Beaufort County
H 3278	Election vacancies	Of Interest	G.R. Smith	3.12.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
H 3287	Freshman caucus	Graveyard	Crawford	2.13.2007	House Roll call Yeas-42 Nays-61
H 3288	Emergency medical services	Of Interest	Crawford	1.17.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H 3295	General fund appropriations	Priority	G.R. Smith	2.20.2007	Scrivener's error corrected
H 3302	Wireless communications service facilities	Of Interest	Crawford	1.17.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 3303	S.C. Retirement System	Of Interest	Simrill	3.15.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bingham
H 3304	Emergency Medical Services Employment Act	Of Interest	J.M. Neal	6.20.2007	House Veto sustained Yeas-61 Nays-52
H 3309	Joint Municipal Electric Power and Energy Act	Of Interest	Owens	6.24.2008	Effective date See Act for Effective Date
H 3324	Inmates	Of Interest	Harrison	1.23.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3326	Law enforcement officer	Passed	Harrison	6.13.2008	Act No. 269
H 3363	Gambling Voyage Act	Of Interest	Anderson	1.25.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3369	Conditions of release	Of Interest	Crawford	2.8.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brady
H 3371	Wastewater	Of Interest	Kirsh	2.7.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Coffy
H 3372	Department of Revenue	Of Interest	Kirsh	4.25.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3373	DHEC	Passed	M.A. Pitts	6.27.2007	Act No. 106
H 3375	Soil suitability tests	Of Interest	M.A. Pitts	1.30.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
H 3377	Preliminary hearings	Of Interest	Merrill	1.30.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3395	Energy Office	Passed	Funderburk	5.19.2008	Effective date 05.13.08
H 3396	Cable television services	Passed	Cato	4.17.2007	Act No. 8
H 3398	Electronics Recycling Act	Of Interest	Funderburk	3.28.2007	Scrivener's error corrected
H 3407	Freedom of Information Act	Work	Ott	3.23.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
H 3418	Trains	Of Interest	Whipper	2.1.2007	House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
H 3422	Homestead Exemption Fund	Of Interest	Cooper	2.14.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3428	Reserve officers	Passed	G.M. Smith	6.15.2007	Act No. 44
H 3436	Vegetation along interstate highway	Of Interest	Crawford	2.6.2007	House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
H 3447	Property and Casualty Insurance Crisis Committee	Of Interest	Cato	2.13.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance
H 3451	Uniform Real Property Recording Act	Passed	Coffy	5.20.2008	Act No. 210
H 3456	Abandoned Manufactured Home Removal Act	Passed	M.A. Pitts	6.15.2007	Act No. 45
H 3466	Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Act	Passed	Umphlett	6.15.2007	Act No. 33
H 3467	Annexation	Priority	Viers	2.7.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H 3477	Property tax exemptions	Of Interest	Spire	2.8.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3481	Fire sprinkler contractors	Passed	Cato	6.27.2007	Act No. 93
H 3486	River basins	Graveyard	Gullick	5.8.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.Brown
H 3493	SC Retirement System	Of Interest	Bingham	5.1.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Young
H 3494	Senior citizen property tax work-off program	Of Interest	Bingham	2.13.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3499	Base Load Review Act	Graveyard	Cato	4.11.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Toole
H 3507	Greater Greenville Sewer District	Of Interest	Rice	4.26.2007	House Committed to Greenville Delegation
H 3509	Local Housing Trust Fund Enabling Act	Passed	Mitchell	5.22.2007	Act No. 19
H 3511	Dual officeholders	Of Interest	Umphlett	4.26.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Moore (ch), Ford, Rankin, Scott
H 3517	Electric power lines	Of Interest	Merrill	2.14.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 3538	Annexation	Priority	Herbkersman	5.8.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.Brown
H 3539	Absentee ballots	Of Interest	Scott	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3540	Absentee ballots	Of Interest	Scott	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3541	State holiday	Graveyard	Scott	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3543	Environmental Certification Board	Passed	Funderburk	6.4.2008	Act No. 223
H 3544	Motor homes	Of Interest	Dantzler	1.8.2008	House Tabled
H 3546	Right of suffrage	Of Interest	J.H. Neal	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3568	Agriculture real property	Passed	Thompson	6.18.2007	Act No. 76
H 3569	Wireless Technology and Communications Commission	Passed	Harrell	7.30.2007	Act No. 169
H 3572	Traffic Diversion Program Act	Passed	Hagood	2.11.2008	Act No. 176
H 3574	Index of taxpaying ability	Of Interest	Herbkersman	2.22.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3576	Accommodations tax	Work	E.H. Pitts	2.28.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brady
H 3578	Water Withdrawal, Permitting , Use, and Reporting Act	Graveyard	Gullick	5.8.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.Brown
H 3579	Agriculture Assessment Reform Act of 2007	Of Interest	Chalk	2.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3580	Property taxation	Of Interest	Chalk	2.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H 3591	Property tax exemptions		Of Interest	Huggins	2.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3592	Property tax exemptions		Of Interest	Ballentine	4.9.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3601	Municipal police jurisdiction		Of Interest	Crawford	2.28.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3606	Voting precincts		Of Interest	Whipper	2.28.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3615	Local Government Fiscal Accountability and Fairness Act		Priority	G.R. Smith	2.5.2008	House Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Mahaffey
H 3620	Appropriations Bill, 2007-2008		Passed	House Ways	7.25.2007	Act No. 117
H 3623	Special purpose districts		Passed	Thompson	6.16.2008	Signed By Governor
H 3627	Homestead Exemption Fund		Of Interest	Gullick	5.22.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: E.H.Pitts, Haley
H 3633	Eminent Domain Study Committee		Work	Edge	3.6.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3639	Smoking		Work	Skelton	3.13.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brady
H 3642	Annexation		Priority	Herbkersman	3.11.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Funderburk
H 3648	Motor fuels user fee		Of Interest	Skelton	3.6.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3649	Energy Freedom and Rural Development Act		Passed	Witherspoon	6.13.2008	Act No. 261
H 3650	Law enforcement officer's jurisdiction		Of Interest	Neilson	3.6.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3659	Excise tax		Passed	Kirsh	6.15.2007	Act No. 36
H 3660	Greater Greenville Sewer District		Of Interest	Bannister	3.7.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
H 3661	Satellite sewers		Of Interest	Bannister	3.7.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
H 3666	Rural Infrastructure Act		Of Interest	Glyburn	5.22.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3679	Adult businesses		Of Interest	Talley	3.21.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Haskins
H 3680	Voter registration		Of Interest	Mack	3.8.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3683	Early voting bill		Of Interest	Mack	3.8.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3684	Elections Study Commission		Of Interest	Mack	3.8.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3701	Statewide millage		Of Interest	Bowers	3.13.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3702	Property tax exemption		Of Interest	Bowers	3.13.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3711	Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act		Passed	Sandifer	6.18.2007	Act No. 59
H 3726	Special purpose districts		Of Interest	Cato	3.28.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chellis
H 3762	Sales and use tax		Of Interest	Herbkersman	4.17.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance

H 3776	Alternative schools	Of Interest	Gullick	3.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
H 3779	Destruction of criminal records	Of Interest	Kirsh	3.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3789	Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund	Passed	Kirsh	4.15.2008	Act No. 195
H 3792	Public or legal notices or advertisements	Work	Duncan	3.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3800	Property tax millage	Work	Gullick	3.27.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3804	Dual officeholding	Of Interest	Umphlett	4.26.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
H 3810	Property tax	Of Interest	Hagood	3.29.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3812	Property tax millage	Of Interest	G.M. Smith	6.25.2008	Senate Veto overridden Yeas-43 Nays-0
H 3829	Assisted living	Of Interest	Mitchell	4.10.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3830	Tax Increment Financing Law	Work	Perry	4.25.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 3846	Base Load Review Act	Of Interest	House Labor	4.19.2007	House Recommitted to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 3848	Industrial development parks	Work	Kirsh	4.11.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3870	Uninsured funds on deposit of a local government entity and state	Of Interest	Cato	4.25.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3874	Motion Picture Incentive Act	Of Interest	Limehouse	4.19.2007	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: R.Brown, Whipper
H 3875	Owner to keep lot clean and free of rubbish	Of Interest	Stavrinakis	4.12.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 3880	Brownfields/voluntary cleanup program	Passed	W.D. Smith	6.11.2008	Signed By Governor
H 3886	Police officers retirement system	Of Interest	Vick	4.12.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3890	Town of Summerton	Passed	Harvin	6.15.2007	Act No. 48
H 3896	Property taxes	Work	Kirsh	4.17.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3904	Inclusionary Zoning Act	Of Interest	J.H. Neal	4.17.2007	House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs
H 3922	Judges and solicitors	Of Interest	W.D. Smith	4.18.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 3939	Traffic laws	Of Interest	Scarborough	4.19.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4102	Business license tax	Work	Merrill	5.16.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4105	Spartanburg County advisory referendum	Priority	W.D. Smith	5.22.2007	Senate Referred to delegation from Spartanburg

H 4117	Illegal Aliens and Public Benefits Act	Work	Davenport	5.17.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4253	Municipalities	Of Interest	Taylor	6.7.2007	House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs
H 4260	Special district fees	Of Interest	Young	6.7.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4326	Falsified documents	Work	Rice	1.10.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mahaffey
H 4330	Sales and use tax exemptions	Of Interest	Rutherford	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4332	State spending limitation	Priority	Talley	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4337	Stormwater runoff fees	Of Interest	R. Brown	5.22.2008	Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Agriculture and Natural Resources
H 4338	Campaign practices definitions	Of Interest	Lucas	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4343	Reserve police officers	Of Interest	Crawford	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4347	Immigrants	Work	Stavrinakis	2.11.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Sheheen, Campsen, Scott, Williams, Vaughn
H 4351	Special elections	Of Interest	Kirsh	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4353	English language	Work	Viers	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bedingfield
H 4355	Sales and use tax	Of Interest	Harrell	6.25.2008	House Free conference report received and adopted
H 4358	Sales tax exemptions	Of Interest	Rutherford	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4361	Appropriations act for 2008-2009	Of Interest	Thompson	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4362	Campaign contributions	Of Interest	G.M. Smith	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4365	Shared Use of Public Facilities Study Committee	Of Interest	Gullick	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4366	Homestead exemption	Of Interest	Haley	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4375	Public Facilities Fair Use Act	Of Interest	Clemmons	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4377	Child abuse	Of Interest	E.H. Pitts	5.12.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips
H 4378	Municipal Capital Projects Sales Tax Act	Of Interest	Miller	5.7.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4381	Department of Revenue	Of Interest	Gullick	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4384	Illegal aliens and public benefits	Work	Viers	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H 4385	Illegal aliens	Work	Viers	1.16.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.A.Pitts
H 4386	DMV identification cards	Work	Viers	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
H 4387	Postsecondary education benefits	Work	Viers	1.16.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.A.Pitts
H 4388	Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act	Work	Viers	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4393	Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act of 2008	Of Interest	Bowen	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: G.R.Smith, Harrison, Spires, Young, E.H.Pitts, Rice, Hiott, Jefferson, Kirsh, Simrill, Gullick, Limehouse, Walker, Leach, Harrell, Bedingfield, Kelly, Harvin, Merrill, Lucas, Mulvaney, Cooper, Gambrell, Hayes
H 4396	DNA samples	Of Interest	Harrell	1.9.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Walker, Mahaffey
H 4400	Illegal aliens	Passed	Harrell	6.18.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
H 4402	SC Economic Growth Strategic Coordinating Act of 2008	Of Interest	Talley	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4415	Internal Revenue Code	Work	Rice	1.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions
H 4441	Parking meters	Of Interest	Bales	1.9.2008	House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
H 4450	Department of Transportation	Passed	Gullick	6.4.2008	Act No. 236
H 4452	Income tax	Of Interest	Umphlett	1.10.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4462	Homestead property tax exemption	Of Interest	Clyburn	1.10.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4467	Department of Transportation	Of Interest	Simrill	1.17.2008	Senate Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
H 4470	Fire sprinkler systems	Passed	Harrell	6.25.2008	Senate Veto overridden Yeas-43 Nays-0
H 4478	Retirement of judges and solicitors	Of Interest	W.D. Smith	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 4479	Homestead exemptions	Of Interest	Shoopman	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty, McLeod
H 4486	Department of Motor Vehicles	Work	Walker	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 4489	Traffic stop information collection	Of Interest	Rutherford	1.16.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4491	Eluding a law enforcement officer	Of Interest	Mahaffey	1.16.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4500	Sales tax exemptions	Of Interest	Stavrinakis	1.17.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H 4508	Smoking	Work	Skelton	1.22.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cotty
H 4519	Houses of worship	Of Interest	Vick	1.22.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4542	Beach erosion control policy	Of Interest	Hagood	1.23.2008	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
H 4543	Accommodation tax	Of Interest	Scarborough	1.23.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4552	Utility Police Officers	Of Interest	Harrison	6.4.2008	Senate Read second time
H 4554	Real estate licensees	Passed	Cobb-Hunter	6.25.2008	Senate Veto overridden Yeas-43 Nays-0
H 4561	Beachfront Finance Act	Of Interest	Hagood	1.24.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4578	Special purpose districts	Of Interest	Harrison	4.21.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
H 4585	Alcoholic liquors	Of Interest	G.M. Smith	5.7.2008	House Recommended to Committee on Judiciary
H 4627	Excise tax revenue distribution	Of Interest	Cotty	1.31.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4630	Gang Prevention Study Committee	Passed	Scott	3.5.2008	Effective date 02.27.08
H 4631	Political subdivisions	Of Interest	Duncan	2.5.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4646	Cities Mean Business Day	Passed	Perry	2.13.2008	Senate Adopted, returned to House with concurrence
H 4656	Licensed contractors	Of Interest	Hosey	2.6.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4657	State employees	Of Interest	Hosey	2.6.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4659	Victims	Of Interest	Hosey	2.6.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4665	Homestead Exemption Fund	Of Interest	Ott	2.7.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4672	Sales tax exemptions	Of Interest	White	5.1.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 4673	SC Retirement System	Of Interest	Cooper	4.9.2008	House Roll call Yeas-58 Nays-51
H 4683	Traffic violations	Of Interest	Young	2.12.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4685	Boats	Of Interest	Limehouse	4.9.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 4692	Wireless cloud	Of Interest	Harvin	2.14.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Umphlett
H 4721	Property tax exemptions	Of Interest	W.D. Smith	2.20.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4735	Educational Television Network	Passed	Harrell	6.3.2008	Effective date 05.27.08
H 4743	Tax increment financing	Passed	Mitchell	6.25.2008	Senate Veto overridden Yeas-35 Nays-7
H 4745	Residential Improvement District Act	Passed	Young	6.17.2008	Became law without Governor's signature
H 4754	Special purpose districts	Passed	G.R. Smith	6.20.2008	Effective date 06.16.08



H 4772	Truth in Spending Act	Of Interest	G.R. Smith	2.27.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4797	Motor vehicle accidents	Of Interest	Scarborough	4.28.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
H 4799	Tax revenues	Of Interest	Mitchell	3.4.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4814	Elections	Of Interest	Vick	3.5.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4815	Motion Picture Incentive Act of 2008	Passed	Harrell	6.25.2008	Senate Veto overridden Yeas-29 Nays-9
H 4819	Parking citations	Of Interest	Cotty	3.5.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4820	Rental automobiles and vehicles	Of Interest	Cotty	3.5.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4821	General fund appropriations	Priority	G.R. Smith	3.6.2008	House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Talley
H 4830	License plates	Passed	Shoopman	4.8.2008	Effective date 01.01.09
H 4843	Public Service Commission	Of Interest	Lofis	3.12.2008	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 4847	Abandoned vehicles	Passed	Cotty	6.19.2008	Act No. 308
H 4860	Basic Skills Education Tax Credit Act; Student Loan Reimbursement Act	Of Interest	W.D. Smith	3.13.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4863	County Transportation Committee Enhancement Act of 2008	Of Interest	McLeod	3.13.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4876	SC Retirement system	Passed	Cooper	6.20.2008	Effective date See Act for Effective Date
H 4881	Job tax credit	Of Interest	Bowers	3.25.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 4883	Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act	Of Interest	Barfield	4.29.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 4887	Motion Picture Incentive Act of 2008	Of Interest	Kirsh	4.24.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 4891	Public officers	Of Interest	Bannister	3.26.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4892	Energy Independence and Sustainable Homes Act	Of Interest	Haley	4.30.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
H 4908	Toll roads	Of Interest	Cooper	4.30.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
H 4930	Metals	Passed	G.M. Smith	6.13.2008	Act No. 260
H 4942	Real property	Of Interest	Cotty	5.28.2008	Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance
H 4953	LightRail Consortium	Passed	Cooper	6.24.2008	Effective date 06.17.08
H 4976	Blue laws	Of Interest	Spires	4.8.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 4977	Residential builders	Of Interest	Bales	4.16.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
H 4992	SC Retirement system	Of Interest	Cooper	4.9.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H 4998	County jails	Of Interest	Mitchell	4.10.2008	House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs
H 5004	Lobbying	Of Interest	Sandifer	4.10.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 5009	Firefighters	Passed	G.M. Smith	6.19.2008	Act No. 309
H 5014	Civil actions	Of Interest	F.N. Smith	4.15.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 5015	Anderson County voting precincts	Passed	Gambrell	5.20.2008	Act No. 217
H 5057	Police dog or horse	Of Interest	Bedingfield	4.22.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 5063	Discrimination by a municipality	Of Interest	F.N. Smith	4.22.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 5072	Post-Conviction DNA Procedures Act	Of Interest	Funderburk	4.22.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
H 5090	Chesterfield County voting precincts	Passed	Vick	6.19.2008	Act No. 294
H 5096	Abbeville	Of Interest	Agnew	4.29.2008	Senate Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
H 5111	School impact fees	Of Interest	Gullick	5.1.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
H 5136	Not yet available	Passed	Chalk	5.8.2008	Senate Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
H 5144	Grand Strand Airport District	Of Interest	Clemmons	6.4.2008	Senate Recalled from Committee on Transportation
S 0011	Economic interest statements	Of Interest	Hayes	4.24.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0014	Children and voting booths	Passed	Hayes	5.20.2008	Act No. 205
S 0018	Handicapped placards	Of Interest	Reese	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
S 0029	Procurement Code	Of Interest	Ford	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0031	Redevelopment Authority	Of Interest	Ford	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0033	Slum clearance and redevelopment	Work	Ford	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0036	State legal holidays	Of Interest	Ford	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0050	Beer and wine	Of Interest	Ford	2.12.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Gregory (ch), Elliott, Anderson, Ritchie, Cleary
S 0054	Industrial facilities	Of Interest	Ford	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs
S 0057	County ballot initiatives	Of Interest	Ford	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0058	Power to condemn property	Work	Ford	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0059	Absentee ballots	Of Interest	Ford	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0061	Curfew	Of Interest	Ford	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hawkins (ch), Sheheen, Lourie, Vaughn

S 0067	Residential heating and air conditioning	Of Interest	Mescher	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0069	Recusal by public official	Work	Rankin	2.14.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0071	Automated external defibrillator (AED)	Passed	Ryberg	5.20.2008	Act No. 206
S 0073	Tax increment financing law	Of Interest	Ryberg	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0078	Criminal Gang Prevention Act	Of Interest	Knotts	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0079	Police officers retirement system	Of Interest	Knotts	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0085	Public Service Commission	Priority	Bryant	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0088	Misdemeanor traffic violations	Passed	Campsen	6.19.2008	Act No. 283
S 0099	Presidential or advisory primaries	Passed	Sheheen	6.27.2007	Act No. 81
S 0103	Smoking	Work	Jackson	3.14.2007	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0107	Capital cost impact fee	Of Interest	Scott	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0110	Uniform Expungement of Criminal Records Act	Of Interest	Thomas	6.5.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary
S 0116	Isolated Wetlands Act of 2007	Of Interest	Grooms	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
S 0118	Slander or libel	Of Interest	Elliott	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hawkins (ch), Sheheen, Lourie, Vaughn
S 0130	Private Property Rights Protection Act	Work	Campsen	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0139	Motor homes	Passed	Knotts	6.18.2007	Act No. 66
S 0141	Criminal Gang Prevention Act	Passed	Knotts	6.27.2007	Act No. 82
S 0142	DNA	Of Interest	Malloy	2.15.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0146	Law enforcement officers	Passed	Malloy	4.17.2007	Act No. 3
S 0153	Property taxes	Passed	McConnell	5.14.2007	Act No. 12
S 0155	Treason and eminent domain	Passed	Campsen	5.22.2007	Act No. 15
S 0163	Fire hydrants	Of Interest	Leventis	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0164	Local planning process	Graveyard	Leventis	1.17.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0165	Comprehensive Infrastructure Development Act	Graveyard	Leventis	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0166	Fire station or apparatus	Of Interest	Leventis	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance
S 0171	DHEC	Of Interest	Leventis	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
S 0175	Statewide First Responder Building Mapping Information System	Of Interest	Elliott	4.24.2007	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0185	Smoking	Work	Gregory	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs

S 0186	Tobacco	Work	Gregory	4.19.2007	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0187	Advertising for nonsmoking employees	Work	Gregory	3.25.2008	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0188	Outstanding Educational Benefits Garnishment Act	Of Interest	Gregory	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Education
S 0189	Outstanding Tax Liability Garnishment Act	Of Interest	Gregory	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0201	Municipal annexation	Priority	Ritchie	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0202	Municipal annexation	Priority	Ritchie	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0203	Municipal annexation	Priority	Ritchie	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0209	Smoking	Work	Elliott	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs
S 0238	S.C. Retirement System	Of Interest	Ryberg	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0239	TERI bill	Of Interest	Ryberg	1.9.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0243	Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Act	Passed	Setzler	6.27.2007	Act No. 83
S 0245	Homestead exemption fund reimbursements	Priority	Martin	2.9.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hayes (ch), Land, Courson, Matthews, Grooms, Richardson
S 0266	Priority Investment Act	Passed	Martin	6.15.2007	Act No. 31
S 0267	Mobile homes	Graveyard	Alexander	1.22.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0271	Clean Indoor Air Act of 1990	Work	Ford	1.11.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs
S 0289	Annexation	Priority	Bryant	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0296	Police officers retirement system	Of Interest	Short	1.18.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0306	South Carolina Conservation Bank Act	Of Interest	Campsen	1.23.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0307	Police retirement system	Of Interest	Grooms	1.23.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0308	Optional retirement plan	Of Interest	Campsen	1.23.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0312	Joint Municipal Electric Power and Energy Act	Passed	Martin	6.15.2007	Act No. 32
S 0332	Workers' compensation reform	Passed	Martin	7.6.2007	Act No. 111
S 0334	Employment security law	Passed	Leventis	6.18.2007	Act No. 67
S 0344	Workers compensation	Of Interest	McConnell	4.10.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0354	Bicycles	Of Interest	Lourie	1.30.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
S 0358	Freedom of Information Act	Passed	Knotts	3.20.2007	House Adopted, returned to Senate with concurrence
S 0366	Homestead Exemption Fund	Of Interest	Hayes	2.20.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S 0367	Homestead Exemption Fund	Passed	Hayes	6.15.2007	Act No. 57
S 0374	Cable television services	Of Interest	McConnell	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0375	DHEC	Of Interest	Peeler	1.31.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs
S 0376	Energy Independence and Sustainable Construction Act of 2007	Of Interest	Ritchie	4.24.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0381	Charleston County School District	Of Interest	Grooms	1.31.2008	Senate Committed to delegation from Charleston County
S 0392	Illegal Immigration Reform Act; Registration of Immigration Services Act	Work	Ritchie	2.26.2008	House Conference committee appointed Reps. Harrison, Delleney, and Viers
S 0397	Homeless programs	Of Interest	Patterson	2.21.2007	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S 0399	Charleston County Legislative Delegation	Of Interest	McConnell	2.20.2007	House Referred to Charleston Delegation
S 0402	Hands-free communication devices	Of Interest	Jackson	2.6.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
S 0413	Property tax exemptions	Of Interest	Reese	2.7.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0422	Property tax	Of Interest	McConnell	1.22.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S 0428	Water Withdrawal, Permitting , Use, and Reporting Act	Of Interest	Hayes	4.3.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0429	Post-Conviction DNA Procedures Act	Of Interest	Malloy	6.25.2008	House Ordered enrolled for ratification
S 0430	Campaign contributions	Of Interest	Moore	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips
S 0431	Base Load Review Act	Passed	McConnell	5.22.2007	Act No. 16
S 0447	Public Waters Nuisance Abatement Act	Graveyard	Gregory	4.10.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
S 0459	Jessica Horton Campus Crime Act	Passed	Sheheen	6.15.2007	Act No. 53
S 0462	Retiree Health Insurance Fund and Long Term Disability Insurance Trust Fund	Work	Leatherman	3.5.2008	Senate Recommitted to Committee on Finance
S 0463	Post-employment benefits funds	Passed	Leatherman	6.4.2008	Effective date 05.29.08
S 0464	Communication services	Of Interest	Ritchie	2.22.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Moore (ch), Ford, Mescher, Rankin, Scott
S 0465	Wireless Technology and Communications Commission	Graveyard	Ritchie	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0466	Hometown South Carolina Day	Passed	Hayes	2.21.2007	House Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
S 0473	Local Housing Trust Fund Enabling Act	Of Interest	Campsen	2.21.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S 0474	Campaign funds	Of Interest	Pinckney	2.26.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0477	Greater Greenville Sewer District	Of Interest	Fair	2.26.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0496	Open Government Week	Passed	Knotts	2.28.2007	Senate Introduced and adopted
S 0500	Law Enforcement Training Council	Of Interest	Knotts	3.12.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0501	Property	Of Interest	Knotts	3.7.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0503	Warrants	Of Interest	Knotts	6.5.2008	House Conference committee appointed Reps. GM Smith, Herbkersman, and FN Smith
S 0504	Building codes	Passed	Leatherman	6.15.2007	Act No. 54
S 0509	Workers' compensation	Of Interest	Malloy	2.28.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance
S 0516	Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards	Graveyard	Senate	3.13.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
S 0517	Public Swimming Pools	Of Interest	Senate	3.21.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
S 0519	Air Quality Implementation Plan	Of Interest	Senate	3.21.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
S 0520	Septic Tank Site Evaluation Fees	Of Interest	Medical Affairs	3.8.2007	House Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
S 0524	Revenue bonds	Work	Leatherman	2.14.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0529	Eminent Domain Study Committee	Passed	Gregory	7.30.2007	Act No. 166
S 0538	Job tax credit	Of Interest	Short	3.7.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0543	Law enforcement	Of Interest	Thomas	3.12.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant
S 0548	Emergency medical services personnel	Of Interest	Reese	3.7.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0550	Liquor license	Of Interest	Fair	3.12.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Gregory (ch), Elliott, Anderson, Ritchie, Cleary
S 0553	Freedom of Information Act	Work	Martin	4.21.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0554	Freedom of Information Act	Work	Martin	3.8.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0555	Copying public records	Work	Martin	3.8.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0556	Executive session	Work	Martin	4.21.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0557	Public bodies meetings	Work	Martin	3.8.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0562	Debt Collection and Personal Property Recovery Act	Of Interest	Fair	3.13.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Banking and Insurance
S 0567	Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act	Graveyard	Alexander	3.19.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams

S 0590	Detention facility	Of Interest	Fair	3.25.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0598	Television Programming Protection Act	Passed	Campsen	3.7.2008	Act No. 182
S 0614	Sewerage and water utilities	Of Interest	Senate Judiciary	4.10.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0615	Telecommunications utilities	Of Interest	Senate Judiciary	4.10.2007	House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0638	Public Prayer and Invocation Act	Passed	Campsen	6.4.2008	Act No. 241
S 0642	Uninsured funds on deposit	Passed	Thomas	6.4.2008	Act No. 231
S 0652	Homestead property tax exemption	Passed	Lourie	4.7.2008	Act No. 184
S 0656	Sales tax	Passed	Leatherman	7.11.2007	Act No. 115
S 0661	Eminent Domain Study Committee	Passed	Gregory	7.30.2007	Act No. 167
S 0667	Motion Picture Incentive Act	Of Interest	McConnell	4.12.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0675	Utility Police Officers	Of Interest	Knotts	3.13.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0684	Energy office provide report to General Assembly	Of Interest	Leventis	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0715	Law enforcement officer training	Of Interest	Knotts	4.26.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant
S 0718	Appropriations	Priority	McConnell	5.21.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0723	Judges and solicitors	Of Interest	Knotts	4.26.2007	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0725	Traffic offenses	Of Interest	Knotts	5.7.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Bryant
S 0755	Local government	Work	Bryant	5.21.2007	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams
S 0756	Anderson County taxes	Work	Bryant	5.17.2007	House Referred to Anderson Delegation
S 0832	Electric utilities	Of Interest	Reese	1.24.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0833	Dogs	Of Interest	Knotts	5.28.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary
S 0856	Immigration	Work	McConnell	1.31.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0857	English language	Work	McConnell	1.29.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0860	Fire sprinkler systems	Work	McConnell	4.9.2008	Senate Recommitted to Committee on Finance
S 0862	Police dog or horse	Of Interest	Thomas	5.7.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0865	Property tax bill	Of Interest	Alexander	3.12.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S 0869	Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act	Work	Elliott	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Sheheen, Campsen, Scott, Williams, Vaughn
S 0876	Accommodation tax	Of Interest	Campsen	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0890	DNA samples	Of Interest	Malloy	6.5.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary
S 0897	Entrepreneurial Success Fund Act	Of Interest	Ritchie	3.12.2008	Senate Committed to Committee on Finance

S 0898	Government Accountability Act of 2008;	Of Interest	Sheheen	1.18.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0899	Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act	Priority	Ryberg	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0902	State general fund appropriations increases	Work	Rankin	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0904	Property tax relief of 2006	Of Interest	Campsen	1.18.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0905	Beach erosion control policy	Of Interest	Campsen	3.27.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S 0906	Beachfront Finance Act	Work	Bryant	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0910	Public body meeting	Of Interest	Bryant	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Massey
S 0912	Assault and battery	Work	Martin	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips
S 0915	Candidate qualifications	Of Interest	Martin	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips
S 0921	Absentee ballot	Graveyard	Thomas	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
S 0922	Fire sprinkler systems	Of Interest	Campsen	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 0925	Unprepared food sales tax exemption	Of Interest	Bryant	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
S 0933	Comprehensive Statewide Water Management Act of 2008	Of Interest	Ceips	2.13.2008	Senate Requested return from House
S 0940	Port Royal Sound	Passed	Sheheen	1.8.2008	Senate Introduced and adopted
S 0941	Pageland centennial celebration	Passed	Setzler	1.8.2008	Senate Introduced and adopted
S 0951	Pageland centennial celebration	Passed	Hayes	6.19.2008	Act No. 287
S 0954	Excise Tax	Of Interest	Hawkins	1.8.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 0957	Payday loans	Work	Elliott	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Sheheen, Campsen, Scott, Williams, Vaughn
S 0966	Illegal aliens	Of Interest	Leatherman	1.18.2008	Scrivener's error corrected
S 0969	Copper	Of Interest	McConnell	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0977	Fireworks	Of Interest	Fair	1.15.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 0981	Special purpose districts	Of Interest	Grooms	6.5.2008	House Recommitted to Committee on Education and Public Works
S 0987	Highways	Passed	Gregory	6.23.2008	Effective date 12.16.08
S 0989	Boating laws	Of Interest	Peeler	1.29.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 0995	Cable Antidiscrimination and Dispute Resolution Act	Of Interest	Fair	1.31.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Massey
S 0995	Campus security	Of Interest	Fair	1.31.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Hutto (ch), Jackson, Knotts, Massey



S 1006	Firefighter and law enforcement officer	Of Interest	Ritchie	4.30.2008	House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
S 1008	Illegal aliens	Work	Elliott	1.29.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Sheheen, Campsen, Scott, Williams, Vaughn
S 1009	Homeless veterans	Of Interest	Ford	1.17.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on General
S 1013	Town of Elgin	Passed	Lourie	1.22.2008	Senate Introduced and adopted
S 1027	Campaign practices	Of Interest	Drummond	2.5.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Rankin, Lourie, Scott, Ceips
S 1028	Workers' compensation	Of Interest	McConnell	2.5.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Hutto, Ritchie, Lourie
S 1037	Freedom of Information Act	Passed	Knotts	1.31.2008	House Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
S 1039	Firearms	Passed	Verdin	6.4.2008	Act No. 220
S 1069	Alcoholic liquors	Of Interest	Rankin	4.24.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 1070	Drug testing of candidates	Of Interest	Peeler	4.16.2008	House Referred to Committee on Judiciary
S 1077	Educational broadband service spectrum	Passed	Rankin	5.20.2008	Act No. 208
S 1098	Recycle facility	Of Interest	Alexander	4.23.2008	Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance
S 1101	Cities Mean Business Day	Passed	Ryberg	2.14.2008	House Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence
S 1105	Special laws	Of Interest	McConnell	2.22.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 1124	SC Retirement system	Of Interest	Leatherman	4.8.2008	Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Finance
S 1137	License plates	Of Interest	Peeler	3.19.2008	Senate Recommitted to Committee on Transportation
S 1144	Truth in Spending Act	Of Interest	Grooms	2.22.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey
S 1162	State appropriation limitations	Priority	Elliott	2.27.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 1171	Ad valorem tax	Passed	Peeler	6.23.2008	Effective date See Act for Effective Date
S 1181	Wireless cloud	Of Interest	Matthews	3.17.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Ford, Scott, Campbell
S 1182	Transportation infrastructure	Passed	Grooms	6.10.2008	Effective date 06.04.08
S 1186	Homestead Exemption Fund	Of Interest	Hayes	3.5.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
S 1189	Rental automobiles	Of Interest	Patterson	3.5.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
S 1190	Parking citations	Of Interest	Patterson	3.5.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation
S 1200	Abandoned vehicles	Of Interest	Patterson	3.12.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation

S 1213	Residential Improvement District Act	Of Interest	Ceips	3.19.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance				
S 1220	Appropriation limitation	Priority	McConnell	5.21.2008	Senate Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary				
S 1232	Education Capital Improvements Sales and Use Tax Act	Passed	Cleary	6.23.2008	Effective date 06.12.08				
S 1234	Energy Independence and Sustainable Homes Act	Of Interest	Ritchie	3.26.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance				
S 1242	Taxation Realignment Commission	Of Interest	Leatherman	4.24.2008	Scrivener's error corrected				
S 1256	Local option sales tax	Of Interest	Leventis	4.2.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance				
S 1287	Competitive grants program	Of Interest	Ryberg	4.15.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance				
S 1289	Municipalities	Of Interest	Ford	4.21.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey				
S 1290	Volunteer fire department	Of Interest	Campbell	4.21.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey				
S 1304	Anderson County voting precincts	Of Interest	O'Dell	4.16.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary				
S 1309	Motion Picture Incentive Act of 2008	Of Interest	Ritchie	4.17.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Finance				
S 1313	Property taxes	Of Interest	Knotts	6.5.2008	House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments				
S 1325	North Myrtle Beach	Passed	Elliott	4.23.2008	Senate Introduced and adopted				
S 1335	Freedom of Information Act	Of Interest	Scott	5.6.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey				
S 1336	Illegal Immigration Reform Act	Work	Ritchie	5.6.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Ritchie (ch), Sheheen, Campsen, Scott, Williams, Vaughn				
S 1343	Yard trash	Of Interest	Sheheen	4.30.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs				
S 1360	Water and sewer	Of Interest	Rankin	5.12.2008	Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Martin (ch), Malloy, Campsen, Williams, Massey				
S 1371	Grand Strand Airport District	Of Interest	Rankin	5.13.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Transportation				
S 1423	Law Enforcement Professionalism Act	Of Interest	Knotts	5.27.2008	Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary				





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