



SENATOR REX RICE

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WEEK OF JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 24, 2020

GREETINGS! As the South Carolina Senator of District 2, who has the great privilege of representing Pickens County, I would like to thank you for reaching out to me. I gladly welcome and encourage feedback from my constituents, and if you are receiving this, I have received an email or phone call from you concerning various legislative matters. As a way of communicating updated information during this 123rd Session of the General Assembly, I will periodically send out informational emails, such as this. I hope you find it helpful.

Please feel free to contact my Senate office with questions or if I can be of service to you. My assistant's email is deanahage@scsenate.gov or you can call 803-212-6116. If you need immediate assistance, you can reach me on my cell phone at 864-884-0408.

You may also visit my website at <https://www.rexrice.com/> for information related to Pickens County, and to view previous legislative updates.

WEEK IN REVIEW: January 20-24, 2020

This Week In Committee

Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

H.4246 -- Criminal Background Checks: A bill to change the time effective of Act 60 of 2017 relating to criminal background checks by the Real Estate Commission to July 1, 2020.

S.909 -- Professional Employer Organizations Tax Credits: A bill to relating to provisions of professional employer organizations which may be eligible for certain tax credits and economic incentives, as to delete the requirement that functions may be provided by regulation and make other changes.

H.4327 -- Farm Structures: A bill to exempt certain farm structures that may accommodate up to three hundred guests without installing a sprinkler system, as classified in the 2015 International Building Code.

H.3200-- Lactation Support Act: A bill to provide that employers shall provide reasonable unpaid break time and reasonable privacy accommodations for employees to express breast milk in close proximity to the work area.

Education Committee

S.754 -- John de la Howe: A bill to establish structure for John de la Howe as a Governor's School for Agriculture to provide students with a career aptitude in agriculture, agribusiness, natural resources and biotechnology. The bill establishes the makeup of the board of trustees, terms of the members of the board, and removal of members by governor, and establish provisions for students attending John de la Howe.

Finance Committee

H.3998 -- Workforce and Senior Affordable Housing Act: A bill to allow a taxpayer eligible for a federal low-income house tax credit to claim a low-income state tax credit. If a portion of any federal housing tax credit taken on a project is required to be recaptured under federal, a taxpayer may recapture a portion of a state tax credit with respect to the project. The credit allowed may not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Family and Veterans Services Committee

Confirmation Hearing -- Secretary of Veterans Affairs: The Senate Family & Veterans' Services Committee will hold a confirmation hearing of gubernatorial nominee for Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Bobby J. Cox.

Transportation Committee

S.1026 -- International Registration Plan: A bill relating to the registration and licensure of vehicles that if a commercial motor vehicle is registered through the International Registration Plan and operated by the USDOT then the personal to whom the USDOT number is assigned may register the commercial motor vehicle by submitting the application and fees the SCDMV.

Agriculture and Natural Resources

S.690 -- Geological Survey Unit of DNR: A bill relating to the duties of the South Carolina Geological Survey Unit of the Department of Natural Resources to authorize topographic mapping using light detection and ranging and ensuring compliance with federal emergency management standards.

S.870 -- Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration: A bill to prohibit the Department of Health and Environmental Control from approving a plan, license or issuing a permit for infrastructure used to facilitate the transportation of oil or natural gas from the Atlantic Ocean into the state.