



Bills Engineers are interested in during the 122nd SC General Assembly

1.) **Bill Number:** H. 3218 **Bill Subject:** Dam Safety

Bill Sponsors: Lucas, Hiott, V.S. Moss, West, Pitts & Crosby

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS UNDER THE DAMS AND RESERVOIRS SAFETY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT FURTHER APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN DAMS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-150, RELATING TO DAM OR RESERVOIR OWNERS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR DAMS OR RESERVOIRS, NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OF DAM OR RESERVOIR OWNERSHIP CHANGES, AND EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIED DAM OWNERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING TO THE DEPARTMENT BY DAM OR RESERVOIR OWNERS OF CERTAIN OWNER CONTACT AND OTHER INFORMATION, TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETED OWNER CHECKLIST, AND TO REQUIRE THE OWNERS OF DAMS OR RESERVOIRS CLASSIFIED AS A HIGH OR SIGNIFICANT HAZARD ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE A CURRENT EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION OF SPECIFIED OFFICIALS, DOWNSTREAM RESIDENTS, AND BUSINESS OWNERS.

Committee: Senate Ag & NR

Status: 2/7/2017 Introduced in Senate and Referred to Senate Ag & NR Committee

Engineers For/Against : Monitoring

2.) **Bill Number:** S. 5 **Bill Subject:** Dam Inspection

Bill Sponsors: Shealy & McCleod

Bill Summary: TO AMEND SECTION 49-11-240 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE INSPECTION OF DAMS, TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO INSPECT ALL DAMS ON WHICH A STATE HIGHWAY TRAVERSES EVEN IF THE DAM DOES NOT MEET THE DEFINITION CONTAINED IN SECTION 49-11-120(4).

Committee: Ag & Natural Resources

Status: Introduced to committee on 1/10/2017

Engineers For/Against : Monitoring

3.) **Bill Number:** H.3340 **Bill Subject:** Dam/SCDOT Repair after Flood

Bill Sponsors: Ott, Cobb-Hunter, & Anderson

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 49-11-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A DAM WHICH FAILS OR FAILED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2015, WHICH HAS A PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM RUNNING ACROSS THE TOP OF IT, MUST PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT THE OWNER INTENDS TO REPAIR THE DAM AND THE DATE BY WHICH THE REPAIRS ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE COMPLETED, TO PROVIDE THE TIMELINES IN WHICH THIS NOTIFICATION MUST BE PROVIDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROCEED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND IN A SPECIFIED MANNER WITH THE PROCESS OF REPAIRING THE PUBLIC ROAD OR HIGHWAY, IF THE DAM OWNER INDICATES THE OWNER DOES NOT INTEND TO REPAIR THE DAM

Committee: Senate Ag & NR

Status: Introduced in Senate and sent to Ag & NR Committee 2/7/2017

Engineers For/Against : Monitoring

4.) **Bill Number:** S.004 **Bill Subject:** Revolving fund to operate financial assistance to provide grants to dam owners

Bill Sponsors: Scott & McCleod

Bill Summary: TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND TO OPERATE A FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO DAM OWNERS TO CONDUCT ENGINEERING AND SAFETY STUDIES ON THE DAMS

Committee: Ag & Natural Resources

Status: Referred to Committee on 1/10/17

Engineers For/Against : Monitoring

5.) **Bill Number:** S.54 **Bill Subject:** Transportation & Infrastructure Funding

Bill Sponsors: Bennett, Campbell, Turner, Hembree & Johnson

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFORM ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, SO AS TO PHASE IN AN INCREASE OF TWELVE CENTS ON THE FEE, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADJUST THE FEE FOR INFLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BE MET TO PHASE IN THE FEE INCREASE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-11-410 AND 56-11-450, BOTH RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ROAD TAX IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE TO OBTAIN A DRIVER'S LICENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-620, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-645 SO AS TO IMPOSE A ROAD USE FEE ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES THAT OPERATE ON FUEL THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX ON CERTAIN ITEMS; TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES ARE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONED BASED ON A ROAD USE FEE INSTEAD OF PROPERTY TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ROAD USE FEE IS DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ROAD USE FEE, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SEMITRAILERS, TRAILERS, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND BUSES FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-510, RELATING TO THE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX, SO AS TO DECREASE TWO INCOME TAX RATES AND TO PHASE IN AN INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF EACH INCOME TAX BRACKET, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BE MET TO PHASE IN INCOME TAX BRACKETS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-520, RELATING TO THE ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE INCOME TAX BRACKETS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT LIMITS THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT TO ONE-HALF OF THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-1140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BY A DOLLAR A DAY; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3330, RELATING TO THE TWO-WAGE EARNER CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE A MULTIPLIER THAT DETERMINES THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT; TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3385, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TUITION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT FOR BOTH FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS AND TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3632 SO AS TO ALLOW A CREDIT EQUAL TO THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF ANY EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT ALLOWED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM PROPERTY TAX, SO AS TO PHASE IN AN EXEMPTION OF A PERCENTAGE OF MANUFACTURING PROPERTY AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Committee: Finance Committee

Status: Like Bill in other Chamber: H3516

Engineers For/Against : Pro

6.) **Bill Number:** H.3516 **Bill Subject:** Transportation & Infrastructure Funding

Bill Sponsors: Simrill, Lucas, White, GM Smith, Pope, Stringer, W. Newton, Bales, Clary, Cole, Delleney, Herbkersman, Sandifer, Douglas, Knight, Erickson, Henegan, Ridgeway, Williams, Jefferson, Ott, Govan, Henderson, V.S. Moss, Martin, Funderburk, & DC Moss

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, SO AS TO PHASE IN AN INCREASE OF TEN CENTS ON THE FEE OVER FIVE YEARS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-11-410 AND 56-11-450, BOTH RELATING TO THE ROAD TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ROAD TAX IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-620, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR THE REGISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-627 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH RESIDENT TO PAY AN INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE UPON FIRST REGISTERING ANY VEHICLE AND CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS IN THIS STATE AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE FEE IS CALCULATED, CREDITED, AND ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-645 SO AS TO IMPOSE A ROAD USE FEE ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES THAT OPERATE ON FUEL THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM TAX ON CERTAIN ITEMS; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-2120, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE STATE SALES TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ANY ITEM SUBJECT TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE; TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-1710, RELATING TO THE CASUAL EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE TAX; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES ARE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONED BASED ON A ROAD USE FEE INSTEAD OF PROPERTY TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ROAD USE FEE IS DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ROAD USE FEE, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SEMITRAILERS, TRAILERS, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND BUSES FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION.

Committee: Passed House/Senate/Veto'd By Governor, Veto Overturned on 5/10/2017 – Act # 40

Like Bill in other Chamber: S.54

Engineers For/Against :Pro

7.) **Bill Number:** H.3237 **Bill Subject:** Secretary of Transportation

Bill Sponsors: Allison, Felder, & Night

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTIONS 57-1-460 AND 57-1-470 RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S DUTY TO EVALUATE AND APPROVE ROUTING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUESTS OR EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR HIGHWAY FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION'S DUTY TO REVIEW THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S REPORT THAT CONTAINS ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIR REQUESTS.

Committee: House Committee on Education & Public Works

Status: Roll Call one on 1/26/2017 106 Days 0 Nays . Introduced to Senate 1/31/2017 / Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation 1/31/2017

Engineers For/Against :Pro

8.) **Bill Number:** H. 3238 **Bill Subject:** SCDOT

Bill Sponsors: Allison, Felder

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-820, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OBTAINING CONSENT FROM A MUNICIPALITY BEFORE PERFORMING WORK ON A STATE HIGHWAY WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO DELETE A REFERENCE TO SECTION 57-5-830, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH WORK MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPALITY PRIOR TO THE PROJECT'S INCLUSION IN THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND SUBJECT TO THE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON DESIGN FEATURES AND TYPICAL SECTION FOUND IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR THE PROJECT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR WORK PERFORMED ON A BRIDGE THAT QUALIFIES FOR FEDERAL EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT FUNDS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 57-5-830 RELATING TO THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS A MUNICIPALITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CERTAIN DEPARTMENT

Committee: Education & Public Works

Status: In Committee

Engineers For/Against : Monitoring

9.) **Bill Number:** [S.105](#) **Bill Subject:** Contested cases in the Administrative Law Court (Stay)

Bill Sponsors: Rankin & Goldfinch

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-600 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND PROCEEDINGS IN CONTESTED CASES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, TO PROVIDE THAT A STAY OF AN AGENCY ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR THIRTY DAYS, RATHER THAN FOR AN UNDETERMINED TERM, OR UNTIL AN ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED REGARDING A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION; TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR STAYS CONCERNING THE REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE AND PAYMENT OF FINES; TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT THE COURT SHALL LIFT THE STAY FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN OR IF NO IRREPARABLE HARM WILL OCCUR AND ALSO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A HEARING MUST BE HELD WITHIN THIRTY DAYS TO LIFT THE AUTOMATIC STAY OR FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY; TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ORDERED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT MAY REQUIRE THE POSTING OF A BOND OR OTHER SUFFICIENT SECURITY; AND TO EXEMPT STATE AGENCIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO POST A BOND UNDER THIS SECTION.

Committee: Judiciary

Status: Referred to House Judiciary 3/13/2017

Engineers For/Against : Pro

10.) **Bill Number:** [S.112](#) **Bill Subject:** Automatic Stay Concerning Licenses

Bill Sponsors: Hembree & Goldfinch

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-23-600(H) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO TIMELY REQUESTS FOR CONTESTED CASE HEARINGS, TO ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATIC STAY CONCERNING LICENSE ISSUANCES, RENEWALS AND THE LIKE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE AUTOMATIC STAY MAY BE LIFTED.

Committee: Judiciary

Status: Sub Committee Chaired by Massey

Engineers For/Against :Monitoring

11.) **Bill Number:** H.3652 **Bill Subject:** PVC Preference Bill

Bill Sponsors: Reps. Forrester, Sottile, V.S. Moss, Clemmons, Allison, Loftis, Burns, Chumley, Jefferson, Mack, Willis, Anderson, Anthony, Ballentine, Duckworth, Henderson, D.C. Moss, Norman, Pitts, S. Rivers, Rutherford, Sandifer and Tallon

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-35-3265 SO AS TO REQUIRE GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO CONSIDER ALL PIPING MATERIALS FOR DETERMINING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PROJECTS, TO PROVIDE PIPING MATERIALS THAT MEET SUCH REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLY WITH SOUND ENGINEERING PRACTICES MUST BE ALLOWED TO BE CONSIDERED IN RELATED PROCUREMENT BIDDING PROCESSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT LIMIT THE DISCRETION OF GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FROM SELECTING PIPING MATERIALS FOR PROJECTS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Committee: Labor Commerce & Industry

Status: passed third reading 3/21/2017 introduced in Senate referred to Finance

Engineers For/Against : Against

12.) **Bill Number:** S.343 **Bill Subject:** SCDOT reimbursement to utilities that have to relocate lines because of dot construction.

Bill sponsors: Campell

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-880, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL BEAR COSTS, NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS, FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OR IMPROVEMENTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECTION DOESN'T GRANT THE DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY TO PREVENT OR MATERIALLY LIMIT A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM'S UTILIZATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN A STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT'S RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO FACILITATE THE LOCATION OF UTILITIES OUTSIDE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY CURRENTLY CONTAINED IN THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

Committee: Senate Transportation

Status: Introduced 02/01/2017

Engineers For /Against: Monitoring

13.) **Bill Number:** 352 **Bill Subject:** Move the Procurement Service Division to the Dep. Of Admin

Bill Sponsor(s): Massey

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-10(A) OF THE 1976 CODE OF LAWS, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, TO MOVE THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION TO THE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 1-11-20, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF OFFICES, DIVISIONS, AND OTHER AGENCIES FROM THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO APPROPRIATE ENTITIES, TO REMOVE THE PROCUREMENT SERVICES DIVISION FROM THE

STATE FISCAL AFFAIRS AUTHORITY; AND TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-310(2), RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA PROCUREMENT CODE, TO CHANGE REFERENCES TO THE STATE FISCAL AFFAIRS AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.

Committee: Senate Finance

Status: 02/02/2017 in referred to Senate Finance

14.) **Bill Number:** S.342 **Bill Subject:** Surveyor Immunity

Bill Sponsor(s): Williams, Davis, Hembree, Campbell, J. Matthews, Setzler, Grooms, Hutto, Nicholson', Scott, MB. Matthews, Rankin, Sabb & Goldfinch

Bill Summary: TO AMEND SECTION 40-22-295 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ENGINEER IMMUNITY, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIED IMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTARY SURVEYING SERVICES AT THE SCENE OF A DECLARED STATE OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS IMMUNITY, AND TO PROVIDE THE CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THIS GRANT OF IMMUNITY IS APPLICABLE. – SURVEYORS BEING COVERED UNDER VOLUNTEER ACT

Committee: House Juciciary Sub Committee

Status: Passed, ACT 18

15.)**Bill Number:** H. 3649 **Bill Subject:** Portion of Engineers Practice Act reverted to previous version

Bill Sponsors: Rep. Ammons Crawford

Bill Summary: SECTION 1. Section 40-22-280(B)(2) of the 1976 Code, as last

amended by Act 259 of 2016, is further amended to read:

“(2) buildings and structures not requiring a permit by the authority having jurisdiction, except that buildings and structures classified as assembly, business, educational, factory and industrial, high hazard, institutional, mercantile, storage, and utility occupancies or uses in the International Code Series, as adopted by the State of South Carolina, regardless of size or area, are not exempt from the provisions of this chapter less than three stories high and less than five thousand square feet in area, except that buildings of assembly, educational, hazardous, and institutional occupancies as defined by the International Code Series regardless of area are not exempt from the provisions of this chapter;”

NEW PROPOSED LANGUAGE FROM LLR:

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(B) If drawings and specifications are signed by the authors with the true title of their occupations, this chapter does not apply to the preparation of plans and specifications for:

- (1) Farm buildings not designed or used for human occupancy;
- (2) Buildings and Structures classified as occupancies and uses defined by the International Code Series, as adopted by the State of South Carolina, and listed below:
 - a) Business and Storage Occupancies and Uses of a single story and less than five thousand square feet in area, or
 - b) Mercantile Occupancies and Uses of a single story and less than 3,000 square feet in area, or

- c) Occupancies or Uses of Assembly, Educational, Factory or Industrial, High Hazard, and Institutional regardless of size or area, are not exempt from the provisions of this chapter.
- d) Occupancies or Uses of Utility and Miscellaneous are to be determined by the authority

(3) One- and Two-Family Dwellings in compliance with the prescriptive requirements of the International Residential Code, as adopted by the State of South Carolina. All other buildings and structures classified as residential occupancies or uses in the International Code Series, as adopted by the State of South Carolina, and that are beyond the scope of the International Residential Code are not exempt from the provisions of this chapter; and

4) Alteration to building to which this chapter does not apply, if the Alterations do not result in a change which would otherwise place Building under the application of this chapter.

(C) This subsection any not be construed to prejudice a law, ordinance, regulation, or other directive enacted by another political body or a requirement by a contracting authority which would otherwise require preparation of plans and specifications under the responsible charge of a professional engineer or professional surveyor.

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Change PE/PLS to "licensed architect

Engineers For / Against: Pro as amended

Status: House rejected Senate Version now stuck in Conference Committee. Will come up in January of 2018.

16.) **Bill Number:** H.4033 **Bill Subject:** Increases Fines and criminal penalties for the endangerment of a highway worker.

Bill Sponsors: Hixon, Taylor, Blackwell, Clyburn, Allison, Danning, Yow, Erickson, Crawford, & Clemons

Bill Summary: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-1535, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH SPEEDING IN WORK ZONES, SO AS TO DELETE THIS PROVISION AND PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERMS "HIGHWAY WORK ZONE" AND "HIGHWAY WORKER", TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF "ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER", AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THIS OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO THE POINT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE DRIVING RECORD OF PERSONS OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER RESULTING IN NO INJURY IS A TWO POINT VIOLATION, THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER IN WHICH INJURY OCCURS IS A FOUR POINT VIOLATION, AND THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER IN WHICH GREAT BODILY INJURY OCCURS IS A SIX POINT VIOLATION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-5-1536 RELATING TO DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES AND PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL DRIVING IN TEMPORARY WORK ZONES.

Engineers for/Against: Pro

Status: Passed House 04/05/2017

Not introduced bills, but issues we see happening this year

17.) **Bill Subject:** QBS /Brokering of Engineering & Surveying Services

Bill Summary: QBS pushed to Political Sub-divisions. / Forbid brokering of Engineering & Surveying services without a professional license.

Committee: House & Senate LCI

Status: Working on compromise language with opposition, then we'll work on it being introduced.

Engineers For/Against : Pro