



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2/27/2009

S.364, Senator Alexander, this bill would secure permanent funding for the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment Program” (V-Safe Grant Program). The bill received a favorable report from a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. SPD Fire Districts please help support this legislation.

S.363, Senator Alexander, this bill relates to the Arson Reporting Immunity Act by adding certain other public safety officials to the list of agencies authorized to receive information from an insurance company. The bill received a favorable report from a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. SPD Fire Districts please help support this legislation.

S.479, Senator Bryant, is a bill to provide that a city may not require annexation as a condition to receive utility services. The bill was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

H.3603, Rep. Gullick, is a bill to provide a person who pollutes the waters of this state as defined by DHEC will give public notice of the pollution in a manner prescribed by DHEC. The DHEC Board is responsible for developing the public notice procedure and violation is a misdemeanor subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. The bill was introduced, read a first time and referred to the House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee.

H.3556, Rep. Loftis, is a bill to change the name of the Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority to Renewable Water Resources. The bill was read a third time in the Senate and enrolled for ratification. The bill now awaits the Governor’s signature. The Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority supports this legislation and requested that it be introduced.

H.3006, Rep. Harrison, is a joint resolution proposing a Constitutional Amendment to authorize the General Assembly, by special or local law, to abolish a Special Purpose District and transfer its assets and liabilities to an assuming service provider. The bill was read a first time and referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The status of the bill has remained unchanged.