

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2/19/2010

H.3797, Representative Harrison, has introduced a bill to dissolve and transfer assets and liabilities of a recreational district to a county by resolution of the governing body and the legislative delegation of the county. ***The bill was rejected on the House Floor by the Richland County Delegation.***

S.1057, Senator Alexander, is a bill to establish a Fire Sprinkler Incentives Study Committee. The bill was amended by a Senate Finance Subcommittee to give a perspective homeowner the choice of whether to have a fire sprinkler system installed. Furthermore, the residential builder or contractor will offer the homeowner the option of installing a fire sprinkler system. Also, the International Building Code cannot mandate residential fire sprinkler systems. The bill remains on the Senate Contested Calendar.

S.1127, Senator Campbell, provides that the standard for dissolved oxygen is 0.1 MG/L (Water & Sewer Districts). The Senate Medical Affairs Committee gave the bill a favorable report and it will now move to the Senate Floor for debate.

H.4503, M.A. Pitts, this bill will add household dishwashing detergents to the cleaning products included in the restriction on phosphates. The bill received a favorable report from the House Agriculture Environmental Affairs I Subcommittee. It will now move on to the full House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee.

H.4507, M.A. Pitts, this bill provides that DHEC may **not** consider conformance of a proposed waste discharge into the waters of the state with an applicable area wide Water Quality Management Plan to justify the importance of the discharge to economic and social development. This bill will affect all wastewater treatment entities and despite our efforts, it received a favorable report from the House Agriculture Environmental Affairs I Subcommittee. It will now be discussed by the full House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee.

H.3603, Rep. M.A. Pitts, this bill provides that if a person pollutes the waters of this state as defined by DHEC they will give public notice of the pollution in a matter prescribed by DHEC. The bill passed the House and will be discussed by a Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee on **Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 9:30 am in room #207 of the Gressette Building. Senator Mike Fair, Greenville, is the Subcommittee Chairman.**

S.1067, Senator Peeler, this bill will require as part of the filing of a proposed new or revised rate schedule for water or sewer service that is provided by a privately owned public utility, that the utility will make available certain audited financial statements to the public, the office of Regulatory Staff, and the Public Service Commission. **The bill will be discussed by a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 9:00 am in room 308 of the Gressette Building. Senator Luke Rankin, Horry County, is the Subcommittee Chairman.**

S.1170, Senator Campbell, this bill will provide that all sewage systems and treatment works that have had three or more spills in any twelve month period must complete a comprehensive review of their operations. The bill was referred to the Senate Medical Affairs Committee.