



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 3/5/2010

H.4652, Representative Harrison, has introduced another 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 referred to 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 prospective 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 bill passed the Senate and the House has referred the bill to the House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee.

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. The full House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee gave the bill a favorable report with a committee amendment to exclude detergents used in commercial applications.

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. The full House Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Environmental Affairs Committee agreed to adjourn debate on the bill.

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 was carried over by a Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee.

S.1068, Rep. Rose, the "Underground Utility Safety and Damage Prevention Act". This bill will do various things related to underground utilities such as, provide safety regulations for underground facilities, provide for facility notification requirements prior to excavation, to require facility operators to form and operate a notification center and much more. The bill has been referred to a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee with the following **Senate Members: Senator Rankin (Chairman), Senator Hutto, and Senator Campbell**.

S.1241, Senator Cleary (Georgetown), this bill will do various things relating to definitions concerning the authority of county boards. The county boards of several counties of the State are authorized to enlarge, diminish, or consolidate an existing special purpose district located within that county, including a Rural Community Water District and authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds by the special purpose district.

