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New SENATE Bills of Interest
Week of February 24 – 26, 2026

SB951 **SAFE HOMES ACT** (DAVIS T) A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-75-485, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE DAMAGE MITIGATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM MUST BE KNOWN AS THE "SC SAFE HOME PROGRAM," TO ESTABLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM, TO REVISE GRANT ELIGIBILITY AND AWARD AMOUNTS, TO AUTHORIZE ANNUAL BULLETIN-BASED ALLOCATIONS, TO ESTABLISH NEEDS-BASED PRIORITIZATION OF GRANTS, TO CLARIFY USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF TAX REVENUES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING AND TECHNICAL CHANGES.

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All Bill Status: 2/24/2026 - Introduced and read first time
State Bill Page: SB951

SB956 **GROSS PROCEEDS** (TURNER R) A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-90, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE AMOUNTS PAID BY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES IP NETWORK.

Current Status: 2/25/2026 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
All Bill Status: 2/25/2026 - Introduced and read first time
State Bill Page: SB956

SB957 **LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS** (GAMBRELL M) A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-145, RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL OFFICERS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE LITTER CONTROL AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO REQUEST ACCESS TO A BLIGHTED PROPERTY, AND TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SEARCH WARRANT WHEN SUCH ACCESS IS DENIED.

Current Status: 2/25/2026 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
All Bill Status: 2/25/2026 - Introduced and read first time
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SB958 **HALLWAY BEDS** (VERDIN III D) A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-400 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS RELATING TO THE STATE HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT PATIENT BEDS MAY BE USED IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND OTHER MEANS OF EGRESS DURING A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY UPON THE DISCRETION OF THE ON-SITE EMERGENCY PHYSICIAN; TO REQUIRE THAT HOSPITALS REMOVE ALL PATIENT BEDS IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS WHEN THERE IS NO JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS MUST MAINTAIN A CLEAR PATHWAY IN HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, AND MEANS OF EGRESS IN A JUSTIFIED EMERGENCY, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER PATIENT BEDS ARE PRESENT.

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SB963 **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION** (LEBER M) A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN INTERACTIONS WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO, AMONG

OTHER THINGS, PROHIBIT ALGORITHMIC DISCRIMINATION ARISING FROM THE USE OF HIGH-RISK ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS.

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State Bill Page: SB963

SR964 **SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY** (HUTTO B) A SENATE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND RECOGNIZE MARCH 4, 2026 AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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