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Bill number	Short Title	Description	Current Action
<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND</b>			
H3115	Changes the formula for funding the Local Government Fund	Changes the amount required to be appropriated to the Local Government Fund to the amount appropriated for FY 2013-2014 increased annually and cumulatively by the increase in CPI. The difference between the amount appropriated to the LGF and 4.5 percent of state general fund revenues must be credited to the State Highway Fund.	House prefiled and referred to the House Ways and Means committee
H3710	State Budget bill	Makes appropriations and provides revenues to meet the ordinary expenses of state government for FY 2013, including the Local Government Fund.	Passed by the House 03/13/2013; in Senate Finance committee
<b>BUSINESS LICENSES</b>			
H3986	Prohibits a municipality from charging a business license tax	Prohibits a municipality from imposing any tax or charging any fee for the privilege of operating a business inside the municipality.	House introduced and referred to the House Ways and Means committee 04/18/2013
H3081	Bases a business license fee on the number of employees and not gross income	Requires the business license tax must be based on the size of the business in terms of number of employees and not on its gross income. This bill also requires county and municipal governments to establish a clear and concise policy for the administrative enforcement of their business license tax.	House prefiled and referred to the House Ways and Means committee
H3604	Exempts manufacturing from business license fees	Exempts a business involved in manufacturing from business license fees on gross income derived from interstate or international sales of its manufactured products.	House Ways and Means Licenses, Fees, Insurance Tax and Other Charges subcommittee adjourned debate 04/09/2013
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>			
S82	Reduces property taxes on manufacturing to 6 percent	Reduces the assessment ratio of property taxes on manufacturing, utility and mining real and personal property from 10.5 percent to 6 percent.	Senate prefiled and referred to the Senate Finance committee
H3265	Reduces property taxes on manufacturing to 6 percent	Reduces the assessment ratio of property taxes on manufacturing, utility and mining real and personal property from 10.5 percent to 6 percent.	House Ways and Means Property Tax subcommittee adjourned debate on 04/16/2013

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<b>CYBER SECURITY AND IDENTITY THEFT</b>			
S334	Instructs the governor to develop a plan for cyber security and identity theft	Requires the governor to develop a protection plan to minimize the actual and potential costs and effects of identity theft due to the cyber security breach at the Department of Revenue by providing identity theft protection and identity theft resolution services. The bill further mandates a local government to abide by cyber security polices, guidelines and standards to be created by the new State Chief Information Security Officer.	Passed by the Senate on 04/16/213; House referred to Ways and Means committee
<b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT</b>			
H3163	Changes the current Freedom of Information Act law	Changes the time period to answer a request, the cost to answer the request and increases fines for violation.	House recommitted to the House Judiciary committee on 03/20/2013
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
S14	Establishes the Palmetto Highway Improvement Fund	Establishes funding in the state budget separate from the general fund from revenue surpluses for highway improvements.	Senate prefiled and referred to the Senate Finance Special subcommittee on Transportation Funding
H3412	Requires the car tax to be credited to the State Highway Fund	Requires the sales, use and casual excise tax revenue from the sale, use or titling of vehicles required to be registered and licensed by the state DMV to be credited to the state non-federal aid highway fund.	House passed on 02/28/2013; Senate referred to the Senate Finance Special subcommittee on Transportation Funding
<b>DILAPIDATED STRUCTURES</b>			
S375	Dilapidated Buildings Act	Allows a municipality to bring a cause of action against the owner of a property not in substantial compliance with local ordinances and allows the court to appoint a receiver to either demolish or repair the property.	Senate introduced on 02/12/2013 and referred to the Senate Judiciary committee
H3948	Dilapidated Buildings Act	Allows a municipality to bring a cause of action against the owner of a property not in substantial compliance with local ordinances and allows the court to appoint a receiver to either demolish or repair the property.	House introduced on 04/16/2013 and referred to the House Judiciary committee
<b>ABANDONED BUILDINGS</b>			
H3093	South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act	Allows a taxpayer making investments of a certain size in rehabilitating an abandoned building may receive income tax credits or credits against the property tax liability.	House passed on 04/25/2013; Senate referred to the Finance committee
S234	South Carolina Abandoned Buildings Revitalization Act	Allows a taxpayer making investments of a certain size in rehabilitating an abandoned building may receive income tax credits or credits against the property tax liability.	Senate Finance gave a favorable report on 02/26/2013; on the Senate calendar with an objection by Senator Kevin Bryant

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<b>TEXTING</b>			
H3121	Prohibits using an electronic communication device while driving	Prohibits using an electronic communication device while driving a motor vehicle.	House recommitted to the House Judiciary committee on 02/06/2013
<b>FLOW CONTROL</b>			
H3290	Business Freedom to Choose Act (flow control)	Prohibits a county from passing an ordinance that restricts solid waste disposal at a permitted facility or impedes the development or implementation of a recycling program.	House passed on 01/31/2013; Senate Medical Affairs gave a favorable report on 03/21/2013; on the Senate contested calendar
<b>GAMING</b>			
S3	Clarifies that video gaming is illegal	Clarifies sweepstakes gambling and video poker games are not exceptions to the state's bingo and alcohol permitting laws.	Signed into law on March 22, 2013
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>			
H3452	Changes the law related to multijurisdictional transfer of law enforcement	Deletes the requirement that a county or municipality that sends an officer to another county or municipality be reimbursed for services by the county or municipality. This bill also requires the governing body of the county or municipality that this affects be notified by their law enforcement divisions of any multi jurisdictional task force agreement execution and termination.	House introduced on 01/30/2013 and referred to the House Judiciary committee
S275	Changes the law related to multijurisdictional transfer of law enforcement	Deletes the requirement that a county or municipality that sends an officer to another county or municipality be reimbursed for services by the county or municipality. This bill also requires the governing body of the county or municipality that this affects be notified by their law enforcement divisions of any multi jurisdictional task force agreement execution and termination.	A Senate Judiciary subcommittee gave a favorable report on 05/02/2013
S115	South Carolina Constitutional Carry Act of 2013	Allows the legal carrying of a concealed weapon without a concealed weapon permit.	Senate Judiciary committee carried over on 04/24/2013
S413	Prevents certain individuals from buying or owning a handgun	Prohibits a person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated or committed to a mental institution from possessing or acquiring a handgun.	Senate Judiciary committee gave a favorable report on 04/09/2013; recommitted to the Judiciary committee 04/18/2103

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H3560	Prevents certain individuals from buying or owning a handgun	Prohibits a person who has been adjudicated mentally incapacitated or committed to a mental institution from possessing or acquiring a handgun.	House passed 04/17/2013; Senate passed on 05/01/2013; ratified

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<b>WORKERS' COMPENSATION</b>			
H3147	Modifies the requirements of an employee seeking workers' compensation	Modifies the requirements of an employee seeking workers' compensation for personal injury caused by stress, mental injury or mental illness. The bill also would make it possible for any employee to file a successful workers' compensation claim for job-related mental illness by removing the elements of unusual and extraordinary conditions and eliminating the need to prove the mental condition with medical evidence.	House Judiciary committee gave a favorable report on 04/23/2013; on the House contested calendar
<b>ELECTRONIC WASTE</b>			
H3847	Creates a statewide program for technology equipment collection and recovery	Provides for the creation of statewide stewardship program for recycling electronic equipment.	House passed 04/25/2013; Senate referred to the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee
<b>LOBBYING</b>			
S601	Requires registration of lobbyists at the county and municipal level of government	Adds political subdivisions under the requirements for lobbyist registration.	Senate passed on 05/01/2013; House referred to the House Judiciary committee