



## SENATOR REX RICE

*LEGISLATIVE UPDATE*

**WEEK OF JANUARY 27 - JANUARY 31, 2020**

*GREETINGS!* As the South Carolina Senator of District 2, who has the great privilege of representing Pickens County, I would like to thank you for reaching out to me. I gladly welcome and encourage feedback from my constituents, and if you are receiving this, I have received an email or phone call from you concerning various legislative matters. As a way of communicating updated information during this 123<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly, I will periodically send out informational emails, such as this. I hope you find it helpful.

Please feel free to contact my Senate office with questions or if I can be of service to you. My assistant's email is [deanahage@scsenate.gov](mailto:deanahage@scsenate.gov) or you can call 803-212-6116. If you need immediate assistance, you can reach me on my cell phone at 864-884-0408.

You may also visit my website at <https://www.rexrice.com/> for information related to Pickens County, and to view previous legislative updates.

## **WEEK IN REVIEW: January 27-31, 2020**

### *This Week In Committee*

#### Judiciary Committee

**S.290** --Curbside Beer or Wine Pickup: A bill to remove beer or wine from being prohibited to be sold on a drive through or curb service basis. A retailer may deliver beer and wine in closed containers for off-premises consumption to those who have purchased in advance of delivery for curbside pickup from a retail business. A customer must affirm at pickup that he is twenty-one years of age or older. Retailers who violate the section are subject to penalties.

**S.866** -- Municipal Elections: A bill to provide that the county boards of voter registration and elections be considered the appropriate authority to hear parties contesting results of municipal elections.

**S.1007** --Alcoholic Liquors At Airports: A bill to allow the sale of nonalcoholic merchandise for retail establishments at commercial service airports that sell alcoholic liquors. Additionally, to exempt commercial service airports from the

hours limited to the sale of alcoholic liquors by the drink, and allow the hours of operation to be established by the airport.

**H.3029** -- Election Protests: A bill to add county officers and less than county officers to the authority of the state executive committee to hear protests and contests that arise in an election.

**S.867** -- Absentee Voting: A bill to provide the examination of return-addressed envelopes containing absentee ballots may begin at 9:00 a.m. the day preceding election day - previously 2:00 p.m. the day of election day. To additionally provide the operation of the absentee voting system and voting machine other than business hours of the county board of voter registration and elections and conduct the procedure for counting ballots and polling place.

#### Rules Committee

**S.890** -- Disclosure For Appropriations: A bill to add Rule 55 to the Rules of the Senate to provide the Chairman of the Committee on Finance attach a statement to the General Appropriations Bill, Supplemental Appropriations Bill, and Joint Resolution appropriating revenues identifying each funding request made by a Senator for an appropriation, program or project. The statement must contain the Senator's name, explanation of the project or program, amount requested, and amount appropriated. The statement must be attached prior to a second reading vote. A similar statement must be attached to any Conference Report appropriating revenues identifying whether the request originated by a Senator or the House of Representatives.

#### Transportation Committee

**S.1026** -- International Registration Plan: A bill relating to the registration and licensure of vehicles that if a commercial motor vehicle is registered through the International Registration Plan and operated by the USDOT then the personal to whom the USDOT number is assigned may register the commercial motor vehicle by submitting the application and fees the SCDMV.

#### Banking and Insurance Committee

**S.882** -- South Carolina Private Flood Insurance Act: A bill to establish a baseline for regulating flood insurance in the state by specifying requirements for insurers that offer flood coverage. The bill establishes two classes of flood insurance: (1) standard, the policy is equivalent to coverage offered under the NFIP, and (2) nonstandard, that the policy is focused on insureds who seek flexibility in levels of coverage and are not required by a mortgage contract to carry coverage. Insurers are

required to file their rates with the Department for informational purposes. Rates must comply with customary standard and may not be unfairly discriminatory and additional provisions.