



SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION

Medical Marijuana

Also known as the Compassionate Care Act (S150) will be debated on the Senate floor at the beginning of the session. This is expected to take up several weeks and occupy the Senate's time, thus compressing the time available to pass other legislation. Please contact your state senator and state representative to express your feelings on this bill. It is absolutely a gateway to recreational marijuana use in South Carolina. Once again, marijuana is not FDA approved and therefore cannot be prescribed by a doctor or dispensed by a pharmacist. Control of the distribution will be relegated to DHEC.

Save Women's Sports

As mentioned in the narrative to the right, this bill failed in the House Judiciary Committee last year. Passage will depend on public support.



Legislative Agenda for 2022 Released

The SC House Family Caucus, led by Rep. John McCravy (R-Greenwood) released its legislative agenda for the 2022 Legislative session. The agenda has been agreed to by the Republican Caucus and will serve as the template for passing pro-life legislation during the 2022 session.

Included in the agenda are the following items:

Abortion Reversal Pill Disclosure Act - This bill would require full disclosure of the existence of the abortion reversal pill and the true effect of refusing to take the second pill commonly used in chemical abortions. Currently, the abortion industry in South Carolina does not inform women of the existence of the pill, nor do they tell them it is safe to change their mind after administering the first pill. Chemical abortions require two pills to be administered between 48 and 72 hours apart. With the



The Gospel Changes Everything Tour

Detailed information about these important round table discussions are included below. Reasons to make attending one of these sessions a priority include:

Up to the minute detailed information about the upcoming 2022 legislative session.

The opportunity to ask questions and provide input to the 2022 legislative agenda that is referred to in this Newsletter.

The opportunity to collect important information you will want to share with your congregation about the session.

The Governor or Lt. Governor have agreed to appear at each of the sessions.

The opportunity to pray with other concerned leaders about the direction of our state and our country.

number of chemical abortions on the rise, now accounting for close to half of abortions performed in South Carolina, this is an important bill to help stem the rise and to make sure women are fully informed of their options to change their mind.

Medical Ethics and Diversity Act - this bill seeks to protect freedom of conscience of medical workers and students; allowing them to opt out from procedures they find objectionable under religious grounds without discrimination. This bill was recently expanded to address the actions of the Columbia City Council in banning conversion therapy for people who want to exit the same sex lifestyle.

Save Women's Sports Act - this bill failed twice in the House Judiciary Committee due to the resistance of six Republicans. It now resides in the Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee and will be amended to include colleges and universities. A new strategy is currently being developed to push for the passage of this bill before the end of the 2022 session.

Motto Act - would require public schools to accept and place in a conspicuous area the donation of a display depicting the National Motto.

Religion is Essential Act - this bill passed the House but is currently stalled in the Senate. There is some reluctance to pass the bill in light of the changing state of COVID-19 restrictions. It is very important for this bill to be passed by the Senate and signed into law by the Governor. While religious institutions have benefited from the support of Gov. McMaster and Attorney General Alan Wilson during the COVID pandemic, without the Religion is Essential Act, we have no guarantee a future administration will be so inclined to protect religious liberty.

Banning CRT - There are several bills that are in the works that would ban the teaching of Critical Race Theory in any of its manifestations. The final bill will be finished and filed ahead of the beginning of the 2022 session in January.

Please be in prayer for all of these initiatives and contact your state elected representatives to let them know your position.



PALMETTO FAMILY
Pastor Network

THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING

A Roundtable Discussion for Pastors and Ministry Leaders on the Gospel's impact concerning the issues we face in South Carolina

COMING TO A CITY NEAR YOU THIS FALL!

You are invited to join us for one of our “Gospel Changes Everything Tour” round table discussions! This effort is being sponsored by the South Carolina Baptist Convention Office of Public Policy and Palmetto Family. Each session will provide you detailed information about the upcoming 2022 Legislative Session. The information will be presented in the form of a panel discussion and your questions will be welcome and answered to the best of our ability. We are excited to announce that we expect the Governor or Lt. Governor to join us for each of these events. The tour schedule is listed below:

OCTOBER 12 Fort Mill
OCTOBER 19 Pickens
OCTOBER 26 Lexington
OCTOBER 28 Florence
NOVEMBER 2 Greenville
NOVEMBER 4 Spartanburg
NOVEMBER 11 Blythewood
NOVEMBER 16 Beaufort
DECEMBER 2 Conway **NEW**

You can register for the event nearest you by clicking on one of the dates listed above. You will be directed to the Eventbrite page to register.

Pray for our Legislators



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Committees: Finance, Fish, Game and Forestry, Labor, Commerce and Industry, Medical Affairs, Rules.