

# 2022 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



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SOUTH CAROLINA





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Dear Concerned South Carolinians:

Americans for Prosperity-South Carolina hopes that this scorecard will aid your efforts to remain well-informed regarding some of the key legislative activity that took place in Columbia this year.

AFP-South Carolina does not score every vote in the House or Senate. Rather, the focus of this scorecard is to consider the most important votes cast on priority issues that affect our society, such as taxes and spending, health care, educational opportunity, worker freedom, regulation, free speech, property rights, ending cronyism, and having a criminal justice system that focuses on rehabilitation. This year, the legislature had the opportunity to vote on important issues in these areas, which are laid out in the vote descriptions.

Your voice helps us tackle our state’s biggest problems and ensures we enact public policies that cement our state as the best place to live, work, and raise a family. Through continuous grassroots engagement driven by people like you, our organization has emerged as one of the most influential in the state. We are partnering with diverse coalitions and finding common ground with principled lawmakers of both parties to meaningfully advance policies proven to help every person rise.

Our top issue of fully repealing certificate-of-need regulations fell victim to political horseplay in the final days of session. This unprincipled tactic, steeped in cronyism and political favors, will not be forgotten as we renew our efforts next year to expand access to quality health care to all citizens of the Palmetto State.

AFP-South Carolina hopes you will use this scorecard as a tool to hold lawmakers accountable for their positions and encourage them to support policies that advance freedom and opportunity for every South Carolinian.

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SCORING METHODOLOGY

The South Carolina scorecard tracks bills from the committee process to floor votes. While some of these bills had legislation filed in both the House and Senate, others were filed in one chamber only. Each of Americans for Prosperity-South Carolina’s (AFP-SC) legislative priorities is included on this scorecard, as well as additional issues we explicitly supported or opposed during the 2022 regular legislative session. Summaries for all bills and issues and their results during the legislative process are included in the scorecard. One point has been awarded for each vote cast in support of an issue that removes barriers for society or against an issue that creates new barriers. Each vote carries the same weight. We also awarded one point for prime sponsorship of a priority bill we supported, and deducted a point for sponsorship of a bill we opposed.

Support Bills	Oppose Bills
YAY = 1	YAY = 0
NAY = 0	NAY = 1
NV or N/A = Null	NV or N/A = Null



BILL DESCRIPTIONS:

HB 3037 | Vehicle registration, private passenger-carrying vehicle

AFP Position: Support  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Kambrell Garvin  
Outcome: Enacted

Law enforcement deserves better resources to help diagnose whether a citizen in need is suffering from a mental health emergency or is acting maliciously with intent. This bill is a step in the right direction by ensuring that officers are more informed about the individuals they interact with on a daily basis and equip them to be more prepared for situations that might escalate quickly or take an unexpected turn.

HB 3050 | Law enforcement officers, certification

AFP Position: Support  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Dennis Moss  
Outcome: Enacted

Law enforcement officers deserve the necessary training and resources to help them respond safely and effectively to the complicated situations they face every day. Among other things, this bill would: add a duty to intervene when one officer sees another officer engage with excessive use of force, ban the use of chokeholds unless in a deadly situation, establish recruitment standards, body-worn cameras, and increase engagement with the Law Enforcement Training Council.

HB 3682 | Advanced practice registered nurses may perform specific acts pursuant to approved written guidelines

AFP Position: Support  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Neal Collins  
Outcome: Passed the House, died in the Senate

Unfortunately, many state and federal laws act as barriers to access and innovation. One way to help providers effectively meet the needs of patients is to reform state regulations that prevent nurses and other non-physician providers from offering the services they’ve already been trained to provide. H.B. 3682 would improve access to care in South Carolina by allowing nurse anesthetists to independently practice without physician supervision.

HB 4082 | Regulation of hair designers

AFP Position: Oppose  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Raye Felder  
Outcome: Passed the House, died in the Senate

H.B. 4082 would create a new license for hair designers which is 300 state mandated training hours less than the license required for cosmetologists. While this is a step in the right direction because it removes some unnecessary training for individuals who only want to provide hair services, it is still problematic because it is not providing a meaningful difference while adding new layers of bureaucracy.

HB 4541 | Treatment of pregnant and postpartum inmates

AFP Position: Support  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. Patrick Haddon  
Outcome: Passed the House, died in the Senate

This bill follows in the steps of the bi-partisan First Step Act signed by former President Trump. It will establish requirements for prisons, local detention facilities, and prison work camps regarding the treatment of pregnant and postpartum inmates. This includes access to prenatal care visits and newborn care, transportation to a hospital or birthing center for delivery, and up to twelve weeks for recovery.

HB 3773 | Fitness to stand trial

AFP Position: Support  
Lead Sponsor: Rep. John West  
Outcome: Enacted

Mental state is vitally important as to whether a person had the criminal intent to engage in criminal conduct and to ensure they can defend themselves properly against what may be arbitrary or improper criminal charges. Properly imposing accountability for violating the law requires both action and intent to complete the criminal conduct.





# BILL DESCRIPTIONS:

## SB 150 | SC Compassionate Care Act

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Davis*

*Outcome: Passed Senate, Failed in the House*

We believe the proper role of criminal law is to protect public safety and order by punishing and deterring actions that harm people and property. This bill will establish a legal medical market for marijuana in South Carolina. By allowing innovation, industry, and research to thrive in a properly regulated medical marijuana market, South Carolina can ensure more individuals access the most transformative treatments and reduce the harms presented by a robust black market.

## SB 295 | Board regulation of professions and occupations

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Wes Climer*

*Outcome: Passed Senate, Failed in the House*

The dignity of work, choice to pursue the profession of one's choice, and voluntary association are key to a free and thriving labor market. S.B. 295 helps lessen some of this burden by barring professional boards and commissions from denying a license application based solely upon an applicant's prior criminal conviction and allows a path to licensure for applicants who complete certain apprenticeship programs.

## SB 628 | Pharmacy Access Act

*AFP Position: Support, Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Davis, Outcome: Enacted*

This bill would authorize pharmacists to prescribe and administer oral contraception for patients without a prescription. This can be especially impactful for underserved communities that lack a reliable supply of physicians.

## SB 290 | State Health Facility Licensure Act

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Wes Climer*

*Outcome: Passed Senate, Failed in the House*

Gov. Henry McMaster suspended the burdensome government barriers called certificate-of-need laws to allow hospitals to swiftly add new services to care for patients with COVID-19. These emergency actions saved countless lives. This bill would empower hospitals and other facilities throughout the state to deliver new services, including emergency care, without going through the state's burdensome certificate-of-need process, which requires health facilities to get government approval.

## SB 506 | Home-based food products

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Josh Kimbrell*

*Outcome: Enacted*

COVID-19 has demonstrated the value of flexible work arrangements and home-based businesses, as well as the need to reduce regulations that stand in the way of innovation in South Carolina. This bill would provide certainty for home chefs, allowing them to provide for their families with clear, less burdensome rules.

## SB 613 | Medical assistants

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Davis*

*Outcome: Enacted*

One way to help providers effectively meet the needs of patients is to reform state regulations that prevent medical assistants and other non-physician providers from offering the services they've already been trained to provide. S.B. 613 would improve access to care in South Carolina by amending restrictive codes under the Nurse Practice Act.

## SB 1179 | Telehealth

*AFP Position: Support, Lead Sponsor: Sen. Katrina Shealy, Outcome: Enacted*

S.B. 1179 would authorize social workers, Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Licensed Psycho-educational Specialists to deliver telehealth services. This legislation would be particularly impactful for rural and minority communities that may not otherwise have access to these health care professionals.

## SB 961 | Honey

*AFP Position: Support*

*Lead Sponsor: Sen. Tom Davis*

*Outcome: Passed the Senate, died in the House*

COVID-19 has demonstrated the value of flexible work arrangements and home-based businesses as well as the need to reduce regulation that stands in the way of innovation in South Carolina. S.B. 961 provides certainty for beekeepers, allowing them to provide for their families with clear, less burdensome rules of the road.



SENATE GRADES

Senator	District	2022 Score
Adams, Brian	44	82%
Alexander, Thomas	01	91%
Allen, Karl	07	91%
Bennett, Sean	38	82%
Campsen, George	43	90%
Cash, Richard	03	91%
Climer, Wes	15	109%
Corbin, Thomas	05	91%
Cromer, Ronnie	18	82%
Davis, Tom	46	118%
Fanning, Michael	17	100%
Gambrell, Michael	04	91%
Garrett, Billy	10	91%
Goldfinch, Stephen	34	100%
Grooms, Lawrence	37	82%
Gustafson, Penry	27	82%
Harpootlian, Richard	20	91%
Hembree, Greg	28	91%
Hutto, C. Bradley	40	91%
Jackson, Darrell	21	91%
Johnson, Kevin	36	82%
Johnson, Michael	16	91%
Kimbrell, Josh	11	91%

Senator	District	2022 Score
Kimpson, Marlon	42	60%
Loftis, Dwight	06	91%
Malloy, Gerald	29	100%
Martin, Shane	13	100%
Massey, Shane	25	100%
Matthews, Margie	45	64%
McElveen, Thomas	35	82%
McLeod, Mia	22	70%
Peeler, Harvey	14	82%
Rankin, Luke	33	100%
Reichenbach, Mike	31	100%
Rice, Rex	02	91%
Sabb, Ronnie	32	91%
Scott, John	19	56%
Senn, Sandy	41	91%
Setzler, Nikki	26	82%
Shealy, Katrina	23	100%
Stephens, Vernon	39	100%
Talley, Scott	12	82%
Turner, Ross	08	100%
Verdin, Daniel	09	100%
Williams, Kent	30	82%
Young, Tom	24	91%



HOUSE GRADES

<i>Legislator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>2022 Score</i>
Alexander, Terry	059	55%
Allison, Merita	036	55%
Anderson, Carl	103	73%
Atkinson, Lucas	057	91%
Bailey, William	104	73%
Ballentine, Nathan	071	73%
Bamberg, Justin	090	36%
Bannister, Bruce	024	73%
Bennett, Linda	114	82%
Bernstein, Beth	078	64%
Blackwell, Bart	081	64%
Bradley, Jeffrey	123	64%
Brawley, Wendy	070	82%
Brittain, Thomas	107	73%
Bryant, Bruce	048	55%
Burns, Mike	017	82%
Bustos, Joe	112	55%
Calhoon, Paula	087	55%
Carter, Jerry	003	82%
Caskey, Micajah	089	55%
Chumley, William	035	73%
Clyburn, William	082	82%
Cobb-Hunter, Gilda	066	82%
Cogswell, William	110	82%
Collins, Neal	005	91%
Cox, Bobby	021	73%





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<i>Legislator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>2022 Score</i>
Cox, Westley	010	<b>82%</b>
Crawford, Heather	068	<b>64%</b>
Dabney, Vic	052	<b>36%</b>
Daning, Joseph	092	<b>64%</b>
Davis, Sylleste	100	<b>82%</b>
Dillard, Chandra	023	<b>73%</b>
Elliott, Jason	022	<b>73%</b>
Erickson, Shannon	124	<b>73%</b>
Felder, Raye	026	<b>64%</b>
Finlay, Kirkman	075	<b>36%</b>
Forrest, Cal	039	<b>82%</b>
Fry, Russell	106	<b>82%</b>
Gagnon, Craig	011	<b>82%</b>
Garvin, Kambrell	077	<b>100%</b>
Gatch, Gil	094	<b>36%</b>
Gilliam, Leon	042	<b>73%</b>
Gilliard, Wendell	111	<b>82%</b>
Govan, Jerry	095	<b>64%</b>
Haddon, Patrick	019	<b>91%</b>
Hardee, Kevin	105	<b>82%</b>
Hart, Christopher	073	<b>45%</b>
Hayes, Jackie	055	<b>64%</b>
Henderson-Myers, Rosalyn	031	<b>64%</b>
Henegan, Patricia	054	<b>82%</b>
Herbkersman, William	118	<b>73%</b>
Hewitt, Lee	108	<b>82%</b>





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Legislator	District	2022 Score
Hill, Jonathon	008	64%
Hiott, Davey	004	64%
Hixon, William	083	55%
Hosey, Lonnie	091	91%
Howard, Leon	076	64%
Huggins, Chip	085	64%
Hyde, Max	032	73%
Jefferson, Joseph	102	91%
Johnson, Jeffrey	058	73%
Johnson, Jermaine	080	91%
Johnson, Kimberly	064	82%
Jones, Stewart	014	91%
Jordan, Jay	063	64%
King, John	049	82%
Kirby, Roger	061	82%
Ligon, Thomas	043	73%
Long, Steven	037	82%
Lowe, Phillip	060	91%
Lucas, James	065	55%
Magnuson, Josiah	038	91%
Matthews, Krystle	117	82%
May, RJ	088	82%
McCabe, Ryan	096	36%
McCravy, John	013	64%
McDaniel, Annie	041	82%
McGarry, Sandy	044	82%

Legislator	District	2022 Score
McGinnis, Tim	056	91%
McKnight, Cezar	101	73%
Moore, J.A.	015	73%
Moore, Travis	033	64%
Morgan, Adam	020	64%
Moss, Dennis	029	73%
Moss, Steve	030	82%
Murphy, Christopher	098	36%
Murray, Chardale	116	91%
Newton, Brandon	045	64%
Newton, Weston	120	73%
Nutt, Roger	034	73%
Oremus, Melissa	084	73%
Ott, Russell	093	91%
Parks, Anne	012	36%
Pendarvis, Marvin	113	64%
Pope, Thomas	047	64%
Rivers, Michael	121	82%
Robinson, Leola	025	73%
Rose, Seth	072	91%
Rutherford, Todd	074	73%
Sandifer, William	002	64%
Simrill, Gary	046	45%
Smith, Murrell	067	73%
Smith, Garry	027	45%
Smith, Mark	099	45%



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<i>Legislator</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>2022 Score</i>
Stavrinakis, Leon	119	<b>82%</b>
Taylor, Bill	086	<b>45%</b>
Tedder, Deon	109	<b>91%</b>
Thayer, Anne	009	<b>73%</b>
Thigpen, Ivory	079	<b>45%</b>
Trantham, Ashley	028	<b>27%</b>
Weeks, David	051	<b>82%</b>
West, John	007	<b>82%</b>
Wetmore, Elizabeth	115	<b>82%</b>
Wheeler, Will	050	<b>82%</b>
White, Brian	006	<b>64%</b>
Whitmire, William	001	<b>73%</b>
Williams, Robert	062	<b>91%</b>
Williams, Shedron	122	<b>45%</b>
Willis, Mark	016	<b>73%</b>
Wooten, Christopher	069	<b>64%</b>
Yow, Richard	053	<b>73%</b>

For the full list of votes visit:  
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