



## **South Carolina Legislative Update for week ending March 22, 2013**

As the House and Senate prepared for a two week furlough, all agencies of the Governor's cabinet are preparing to submit a report to the Regulatory Review Task Force to evaluate each agencies' regulations that are considered "a burden on South Carolina's economy", as requested through an Executive Order given by Governor Haley in January. The Department of Health and Human Services will hold three public hearings to receive comments to assist in preparing the report.

**Access to Care:** The House voted not to expand Medicaid.

H.3096 Enact the Healthcare Freedom Act, has passed the House and currently resides in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee awaiting a subcommittee hearing.

H. 3355 Prohibiting South Carolina from Expanding Medicaid currently resides in the House Ways and Means Committee awaiting a subcommittee hearing.

**Tobacco Control and Smoke Free:** ACS CAN South Carolina is working to protect \$5 million for Tobacco Prevention and Cessation that was created by the 2010 cigarette tax fund. The budget passed by the House requires \$1 million must be used for the Best Chance Network and \$1 million must be used for Colorectal Cancer Awareness/Protection initiatives by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

S. 566 was introduced by Senator Lourie (D- Richland) this week that would include taxation on little cigars, roll your own, and pipe tobacco. The bill was referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Breast and Cervical Funding:** ACS CAN South Carolina will continue to advocate for \$2 million from sources other than the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation fund. The Best Chance Network has not been funded at the state level since 2010. The Senate will begin debate on the budget on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Colorectal Cancer:** ACS CAN South Carolina continues to advocate for funding for colorectal cancer screenings in the amount of at least \$500,000 while protecting the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Fund. The Senate will begin debate on the budget on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Raffle Law in South Carolina:** S.213 and S.239 Allow Charitable Raffles/Constitutional Amendment passed the House this week. The bill is aimed at legalizing raffles in the state. The Judiciary Committee voted unanimously to allow nonprofits to hold a limited number of raffles yearly. If voters approve, raffles could become legal in 2015.

**Nutrition and Physical Activity:** The Department of Health and Human Services is charged with coordinating a multi-agency initiative to combat obesity in the state. ACS CAN South Carolina continues to monitor activity on Nutrition and Physical Activity. For more information, please visit: [www.acscan.org/southcarolina](http://www.acscan.org/southcarolina) or contact Nancy Cheney, Government Relations Director: 803.750.1693 or [nancy.cheney@cancer.org](mailto:nancy.cheney@cancer.org)

Activity while working with coalition partners such as Eat Smart, Move More South Carolina and the South Carolina Medical Association Childhood Obesity Task Force. DHEC is holding meetings around the state to discuss the proposed new guidelines for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

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