

## South Carolina Legislative Update Week Ending June 1, 2012

In the twenty-first week of the 2012 legislative session, both the Senate and House worked through their calendars. With only three days remaining in the regular legislative session, the House will consider the Senate-passed state budget (H.4813) next week. Speaker of the House Bobby Harrell (R – Charleston) has stated the House will not have time to complete the budget by June 7<sup>th</sup> and will have to finish its work during the special session.

Any legislation not achieving passage by June 7<sup>th</sup> which is not listed in the Sine Die Resolution will be null and void.

**Appropriations:** Our primary appropriations asks are recurring funding for the state's tobacco prevention and control program, breast and cervical cancer screenings through the Best Chance Network (BCN) and colorectal cancer screenings.

The Senate upheld \$5 million in funds for the state tobacco prevention and control program from the cigarette tax revenue. It approved \$2 million dollars in recurring funds from the General Fund for the Best Chance Network (BCN) and the Screening Colonoscopies on People Everywhere (SC SCOPE) program.

**Smoke-Free:** Smoke-Free Higher Ed Campuses- H.4092 received second and third reading in the Senate this week and was enrolled for ratification. Once ratified, Governor Haley will have five days to sign, veto or allow the bill to become law without her signature.