

Senator Joyce Waddell's June 5, 2017, Newsletter

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**Dear Friends:**

The House voted 80-31 on the \$22.9 billion budget proposal for 2017-18 after midnight on Friday morning. There were 12 Democrats who voted in support of the budget and 1 Republican who voted against it. The Republican leaders of the Senate and House chambers will negotiate to approve a compromise spending plan next week.

The National Basketball NBA announced on May 24 that the All-Star game will return to Charlotte in 2019. The event was moved from Charlotte to New Orleans this year in response to House Bill 2, which limited anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay, and transgender people. In March, Governor Roy Cooper signed a compromise bill, House Bill 142, which repealed House Bill 2 but banned local governments from passing anti-discrimination ordinances for three years.

"I am pleased to see the All-Star game return to the Queen City. Under Governor Roy Cooper's leadership, I will continue to advocate and fight for equality across North Carolina and to restore our state's reputation to one that is inclusive and open for business," said Senator Joyce Waddell.

The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority (CRVA) estimates that the All-Star Game could have a total economic impact of \$100 million on the Charlotte region. This is a great win for North Carolina, although it is just the beginning.

I cannot achieve anything without the support of my constituents. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Please continue to refer to the North Carolina General Assembly website www.ncleg.net. You will be able to track legislation, sign up for committee notices, and review the citizen's guide.

I encourage you to contact us with your thoughts, comments, or suggestions. Please feel free to have others join in on conversation by sending contact information to Joyce.Waddell@ncleg.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Legislative Update

- [**Economic & Job Growth for NC Distilleries \(Senate Bill 155/House Bill 460\)**](#) – This legislation would allow counties and cities to adopt an ordinance allowing licensed premises to sell alcoholic beverages beginning at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday mornings. It would create a \$200 spirituous liquor special event permit which would allow distilleries, supplier representatives, and broker representatives to give free tastings of spirituous liquors at events. The bill would also establish a \$750 special auction permit, obtainable by licensed auctioneers or auction firms, valid for one auction, which would allow the holder to sell wine, decorative decanters of spirituous liquor, or antique spirituous liquor at auction. The legislation passed the third reading in the Senate on June 1. I voted in support of this bill. It will be sent to the House for further review.
- [**Attempted Robbery is Lesser Included \(House Bill 225\)**](#) – House Bill 225 would clarify that attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon is a lesser included offense of robbery with a dangerous weapon. If the evidence would support a conviction of robbery with a dangerous weapon, it will also support a conviction of attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon. The bill passed the House and Senate. I voted in support of this legislation. House Bill 225 currently awaits Governor Roy Cooper’s signature.
- [**Surveying and Plat Recording Changes \(House Bill 454\)**](#) – An act to modernize the recording requirements for plats and subdivisions and eliminate the use of control corners in favor of grid control in the preparation of plats and subdivisions.

Section 1 would make the following changes to G.S. 47-30 (Plats and subdivisions; mapping requirements):

- Amend the border and format requirements for plats submitted to the register of deeds.
- Amend the requirements for what information must be contained in the title of plats.
- Amend the requirements for certification of plats.
- Amend the requirements for methods of computation of precision/positional accuracy.
- Amend the specific information that a plat must contain, including eliminating control corner information in favor of grid control information.
- Amend the requirements for maps attached to deeds and other instruments submitted for recording.

Section 2 would repeal Article 5A (Control Corners in Real Estate Development) of Chapter 39 (Conveyances) of the General Statutes.

House Bill 454 passed the House and the Senate unanimously. It currently awaits the Governor’s signature.

- [**Veterans' Affairs Commission/Strategic Plan \(Senate Bill 62\)**](#) – This legislation would direct the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs (DMVA) to study the potential methods for documenting, collecting, and analyzing the outcomes for North Carolina individual military veterans and their families of the programs designed to serve them. The DMVA must report its findings and recommendations to the chairs of the Senate and House appropriations subcommittees on General Government by December 1, 2017. Senate Bill 62 passed the Senate and the House unanimously on. It currently awaits the Governor’s signature.
- [**Enact Physical Therapy Licensure Compact \(House Bill 57\)**](#) – House Bill 57 would make North Carolina a member of the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. Membership in the compact would allow physical therapists who hold licenses in good standing in any other Compact state to practice physical therapy in North Carolina. Likewise, physical therapists holding a valid license in North Carolina would be able to practice physical therapy in any of other the Compact member states. The bill would also prohibit occupational licensing boards (OLBs) from charging fees as a pre-requisite to issuing licenses to military-trained applicants and spouses of military members who are licensed in good standing in another state. House Bill 57 passed the Senate and House unanimously. It currently awaits the Governor’s signature.

At the General Assembly



Senator Joyce Waddell enjoyed sponsoring Lance Lunderman as a Senate Page at the North Carolina General Assembly. He learned about the legislative process of our state. He participated in daily sessions, committee meetings, and performed other duties.

May 30, 2017



Senator Joyce Waddell participates in the Hammer Contest hosted by the Habitat for Humanity of North Carolina.

May 3, 2017

In Charlotte, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell presented congratulatory certificates to the Las Amigas, Inc.'s honorees at the High School Honors Ceremony.

May 28, 2017

In Stallings, NC



Senator Joyce Waddell was the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day Celebration hosted by Matthews Stallings Toastmasters at the Stallings Civic Building.

May 26, 2017



Senator Joyce Waddell discussed the history of Memorial Day and the importance of honoring the heroes that gave their lives to something bigger than themselves at the Memorial Day Celebration.

May 26, 2017

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Senator Waddell's office is open Monday through Friday during Session. You may reach her office by calling her Legislative Assistant, Jyrta Moore, at 919-733-5650 or by email at waddelljla@ncleg.net.

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