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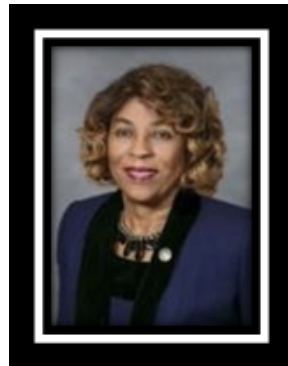
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The Waddell Bulletin

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Dear Friends:

We at the general assembly are getting off to a slow start after "crossover." On Monday we had four bills on the calendar, and by Tuesday all four bills were called for voting.

The Senate voted thirty-eight to three to pass HB 363. This bill, the Craft Beer Distribution Modernization Act, originated in the house and passed, then was sent to the Senate. It will raise the number of barrels craft breweries are allowed to self-distribute per year, as opposed to using an external distributor. Previously set at 25,000 barrels, HB 363 will raise the cap to 50,000 barrels. "In Mecklenburg County, we have five senate districts and many have requested the passage of this legislation. We have 30 local breweries in Charlotte alone, and this bill will allow them to continue to grow and meet their costumers' needs." stated Senator Joyce Waddell.

On Tuesday, HB 233 and HB 532 both passed with no opposing votes. HB 233 will amend and clarify rules applying to State Auditors and Local Finance Officers, and HB 532 will authorize new trails, as part of our developing reputation as "The Great Trails State." This bill will also clarify and reorganize authority and funds under the Trails System Act, and in the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

During Senate session on Tuesday, we commemorated the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, a date inscribed on both our state flag and seal: May 20, 1775. Though

historians have since called into question the existence of this particular document, we do have concrete record of the Mecklenburg Resolves, a document signed 11 days later in which Charlotteans demanded the British crown pay greater heed to their rights.

Session News

Some of the bills on the calendar that passed from the Senate to be considered in the House included:

- [Senate Bill 500, Modify Math Course Enrollment](#), 500 would make the following changes:
 - Replace the reference to "level five" with the term "highest level" for EOCs and EOGs in math.
 - For 7th grade students scoring at the highest level who are enrolled in a high school level math course, allow local boards of education to administer diagnostic assessments to provide identified students with supplemental content enrichment.
 - Modify parental opt-out of student enrollment in advanced math courses to require the parent be adequately informed before consenting to the student's removal that the student's advanced course placement was due to the student's achievement on the prior math course test.
- [Senate Bill 262, Union/ Prohibit Certain Hunting Acts](#), would make it a Class 2 misdemeanor for a person to hunt or fish on another person's property without landowner permission or while impaired by an impairing substance or alcohol in Union County.
- [Senate Bill 529, Fees/Returned Checks](#), would increase the maximum fee that a merchant can charge when a customer's check is returned from \$25 to \$35.
- [Senate Bill 425, Clarify DNA Result Would Have Changed Verdict](#), would clarify a judge's duty to grant a defendant's motion for DNA testing when, among other things, there exists a probability that the verdict would have been different.
- [Senate Bill 320, Regional Water Systems and State Grants](#), would amend requirements governing disbursement of water/wastewater infrastructure grants or loans to recipients to require a written agreement between the recipient and each local government unit purchasing treated or untreated water from the recipient stating the current rates of purchase and any anticipated increases over the term of the agreement, or a resolution approved by the governing board of the purchasing local government unit stating that it waives its option to establish such a written agreement.
- [Senate Bill 648, Support Shellfish Aquaculture](#), would make various changes to State laws governing shellfish aquaculture

- [Senate Bill 604, Amend NC Veterinary Practice Act](#) define "impairment" for purposes of the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) and allow the Board to take disciplinary action against registrants for impairment. Amend the extent to which a person may administer to an animal owned by the person, and require veterinary facility permits for any facility where veterinary medicine is practiced.
- [Senate Bill 599, State and Local Disability Benefit Reform](#), amends the composition and references to the Medical Review Boards for the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS) and the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS), outlines duties of the Medical Review Boards, allows the Medical Review Board to contract with outside entities to conduct any necessary assessments, and makes conforming changes to other retirement systems and the Disability Income Plan of North Carolina (DIPNC).
- [Senate Bill 595, Changes to Real Property Statutes](#), would reorganize and modify the law governing tenancy by the entirety and joint tenancy, create a process for giving notice of real estate settlements that are expected to occur within 60 days of registration of the notice, and make technical corrections to requirements for identifying the drafter of an instrument of conveyance.
- [Senate Bill 572, S Corp Pro Se Representation in Court](#) would create an exception to this representation rule for S Corporations, as defined in G.S. 105-131, which would allow an S Corporation to represent themselves and appear in any court of this State using a non attorney representative who is an owner of the business entity, if the owner's interest is at least 25%
- [Senate Bill 554, Marine Fisheries Reforms](#) would amend the process for managing marine fisheries in North Carolina.
- [Senate Bill 535, Authorize State Park/Clarify Corps Name](#) would authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add Pisgah View State Park to the State Parks System, and would update the General Statutes to reflect a conservation group's name change.
- [Senate Bill 532, Amends Probate/Trusts/Wills Choice of Law](#), This bill makes various amendments to the statutes on living probate, application for letters testamentary or letters of administration, choice of law for out of state wills, and transfer of property held in a tenancy trust.
- [Senate Bill 493, DVPO Time of Expiration](#), would clarify that a domestic violence protective order expires at 11:59 p.m. on the date indicated unless otherwise stated. This bill would also clarify that subsequent court orders supersede similar provisions found in protective orders
- [Senate Bill 483, Vacation Rental Act Changes](#), would provide that the existing statutes authorizing local governments to perform periodic inspections for hazardous and unlawful conditions, and limiting local governments' ability to regulate residential real property, apply to properties covered by the Vacation Rental Act.
- [Senate Bill 161, Enact the North Carolina Caregivers Act](#), would enact the North Carolina Caregivers Act to provide the opportunity for a hospital

patient to designate a caregiver to provide aftercare assistance.

- [Senate Bill 199, Child Sex Abuse/Strengthen Laws](#), would mandate reporting crimes against children to law enforcement, amend the current statute regarding certain sex offenders' access to the Internet, and require certain sex offenders to register Internet protocol (IP) addresses.

Senate Pages



The [Senate Page Applications](#) for the 2019 Session of the General Assembly are now available.

This program offers young men and women the opportunity to learn about and participate in the legislative process of our state. It is a week-long experience that allows high school students between the ages of 15 (or 14 if already in the 9th

grade) and 18, to observe firsthand how our laws are made. It provides them the unique privilege of working on the Senate Chamber floor in the midst of legislative action.

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Please contact Senate office for applications.

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Page appointments are available beginning through June 24 2019.

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Senator Joyce Waddell congratulates over 2,500 young cadets being

showcased, recognized and honored for their achievements at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Schools JROTC Awards and Recognition Ceremony.



Senator Joyce Waddell meets with educators during Teacher Rally as thousands marched in downtown Raleigh to advocate for school funding



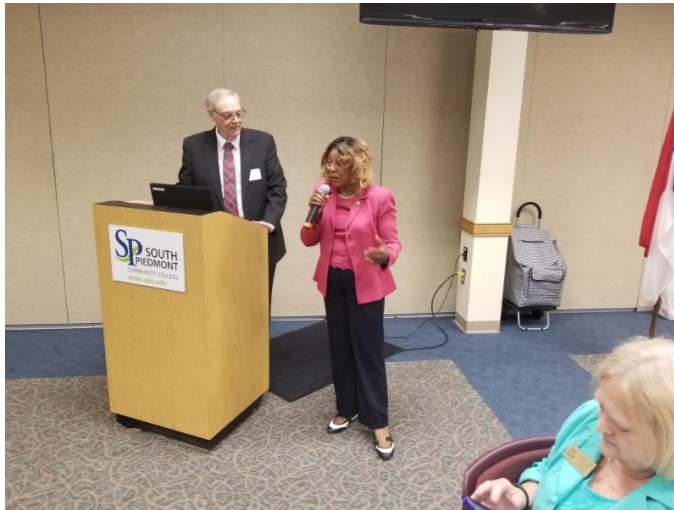


Senator Joyce Waddell 250 years celebration of Charlotte by the Hampshire Hills Community





Senator Joyce Waddell meets with students at UNC Charlotte following Tuesday's tragic shooting



Senator Waddell speaks to retirees at NCRSP Spring Meeting

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