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Senator Waddell Supports Charlotte's Law Enforcement Officers

Charlotte, NC- The long session of the 2018 General Assembly is slowly coming to a close, many crossover bills are moving forward including:

- Senate Bill 242: Recreational Land Fee Changes.
- Senate Bill 190: Expand Special Assessments for Dam Repair
- Senate Bill 290: Distiller Regulatory Reform Bill.
- Senate Bill 361: Health Care Expansion Act of 2019
- Senate Bill 362: Annual Report Standardization
- House Bill 370: Require Cooperation with ICE Detainers.
- House Bill 495: No Municipal Reg/Off-Site Wastewater Systems.
- House Bill 1017 - SPECIAL MASTER WAKE HOUSE PLAN.
- Senate Bill 95: Veterans Memorial Funds/Do Not Revert

One of the bills with the most debate was **Senate Bill 370: Require Cooperation with ICE Detainers**. This bill has proved extremely controversial. It would require confinement facilities (jails) to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) whenever they are unable to determine the legal status of someone in their custody. It would also allow for the removal of Sheriffs who did not take these actions.

Senator Waddell opposed this bill. Many urban Sheriffs, including Mecklenburg's Sheriff, Garry L. McFadden, were elected on a platform of building a positive relationship between police and immigrant communities, and resisting ICE overreach. During the debate on the Senate floor, Senator Waddell spoke to how respecting these decisions made by county voters ought to be paramount. She also voiced concern over this bill's targeting of every person confined, many of whom are not dangerous criminals. "It will damage the trust between immigrant communities and police, making our neighborhoods more dangerous instead of safer," said Senator Joyce Waddell. Nevertheless, House Bill 370 passed 25-18.

Another bill of potential interest to Charlotteans was **Senate Bill 290**. This bill would allow distilleries (producers of liquor) to operate more like breweries, through expanded liberties such the ability to sell their products on-

site. “We expect this bill to jump start the growth of Charlotte’s multiple distilleries as they become better able to serve their customers.” said Senator Joyce Waddell.

Senate Bill 191, of which Senator Waddell was a primary sponsor, also returned to the Senate for concurrence this week. This bill will allow Charlotte to bring in non-local law enforcement personnel in preparation for the influx of visitors during the 2020 Republican National Convention. It passed with widespread bipartisan support.

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