



March 8, 2017

TO: Members of the South Carolina Senate

RE: S.105 – Automatic Stay (Support)

Dear Members:

The South Carolina Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of S.105, a bill which changes the terms of the automatic stay of agency actions upon the filing of a request for a contested case hearing.

Under this legislation, a request for a contested case challenging issuance of a license stays the license for 45 days, at which point the party seeking the license can request the stay to be lifted. This change removes indefinite stays of permits unless the party contesting the permit can prove under specific criteria that the stay be continued. The business community supports this measure as it does not eliminate due process, but requires that the permitting process be conducted in an efficient manner.

Please note that the **vote on S.105** will be considered for the Chamber's *2017 Legislative Scorecard*.

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