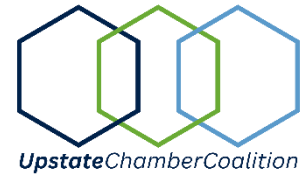


Date: Mar 31, 2025

To: Upstate Chamber Leadership

From: Matt Wills



What This Bill Means for Businesses:

- **Allows non-parties to be listed on the verdict form for fault apportionment**, ensuring businesses are not unfairly held responsible for more than their share of liability when other parties also contributed to the incident.
- The **statute of repose** has been extended from 8 years to 10 years, but it removes the building code exception that previously resulted in an indefinite statute of repose.
- Reduces **liquor liability coverage requirements** from \$1 million to \$500,000 for most businesses and \$300,000 for non-profits.
- Businesses will only be liable for serving alcohol to **visibly intoxicated** individuals or minors if they **knowingly** serve them while they are visibly intoxicated, and this results in harm.
- Previously, businesses that were **50% at fault** could be responsible for all damages. Now, that threshold has increased to **51%**. If a business is **more than 50% at fault**, it may be held fully liable for economic damages (such as medical expenses and lost wages) but will still pay proportionally for emotional and punitive damages.

Next Steps – Your Action Needed!

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives, and we need your help to keep the momentum going. Contact your House member today and urge them to request a committee hearing as soon as possible.

[Take action now – Click here to contact your representative.](#)

SUMMARY MEMO

This bill is a game-changer, bringing personal responsibility, lower costs, and stronger legal protections to businesses in South Carolina. Your advocacy is essential in creating a better business environment for **ALL** businesses.

Chamber Position: Support

Posture: Passed the SC Senate, 26 March 2025

Tactic: We will monitor movement in the SC House and work with our Upstate Delegation to impress upon the need and importance this legislation is to Chamber Members.