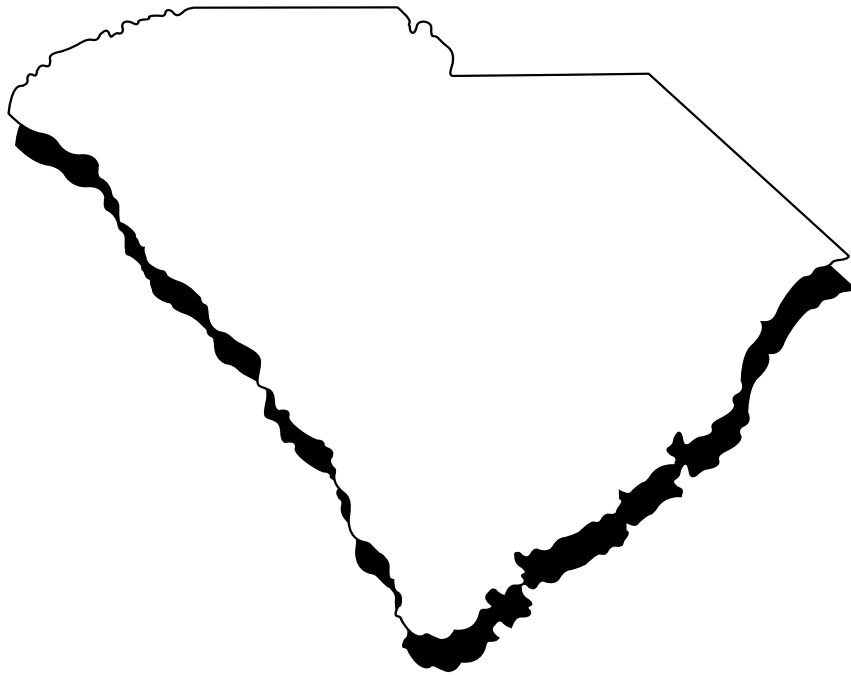
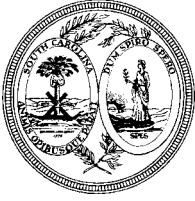


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LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION**



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Enclosed is the fifth Annual Report from the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

This report attempts to reflect the activities and development of the agency during this period. Any additional information desired can be obtained from this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lewis F. Gossett".

Lewis F. Gossett
Director

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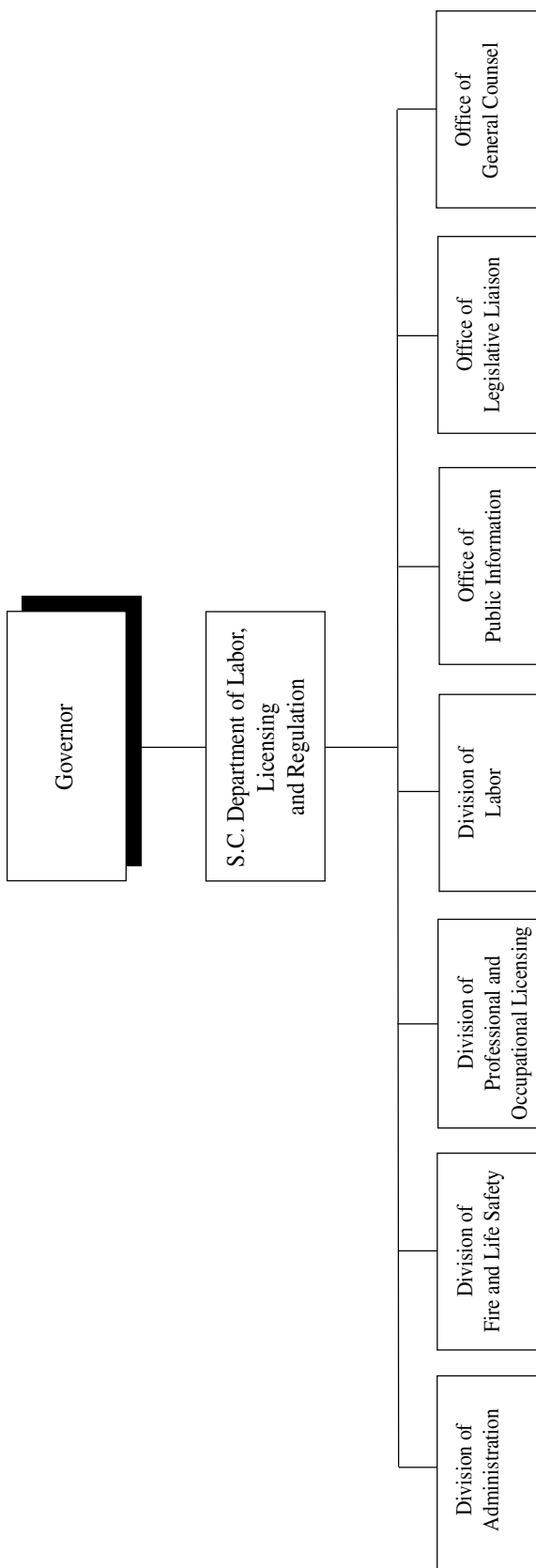
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Agency History

The South Carolina Legislature restructured a significant portion of state government in 1993. Effective Feb. 1, 1994, Act 181 created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR). It merged the Department of Labor, State Fire Marshal's Office, the S.C. Fire Academy and 38 professional and occupational licensing boards to form the new agency.

The legislation empowered the Governor to appoint a director of the agency with the advice and consent of the Senate.

LLR has been organized into four divisions: Fire and Life Safety, Labor, Professional and Occupational Licensing and Administration.



Mission Statement

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is to protect the safety, health, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina by the appropriate regulation and education of employers and employees, licensed professionals and occupational practitioners, and property owners and property users.

We will accomplish our mission by:

- promoting a regulatory climate where businesses and individuals can create jobs and wealth which will in turn benefit our citizens;
- conducting appropriate inspection and complaint investigation programs and, when necessary, pursuing enforcement options as provided by law;
- administering licensing, permitting, and certification programs, as provided by law;
- providing appropriate education, information, and outreach programs;
- serving as the state's fire safety focal point by providing code enforcement, fire safety education and prevention programs, and training to volunteer, paid, and industrial firefighters; and
- responsibly using resources available to us to serve the public in an impartial, consistent, timely, and courteous manner that promotes trust, confidence, and accountability between us and those we serve.

Accomplishments 1997-98

Division of Fire and Life Safety

Office of State Fire Marshal

- Secured computers and software for fire departments to use to report on the S.C. Fire Incident Reporting System.
- Reached more than 50,000 students – kindergarten through third grade – with the “Freddie” fire safety education curriculum. Also developed two videotapes to accomplish in-service training for the “Freddie” curriculum. This reduces the amount of time staff will spend traveling to schools around the state teaching teachers the “Freddie” curriculum.
- Worked with other state agencies in the distribution of smoke detectors and fire safety materials across the state. The office assisted in the distribution of more than 90,000 smoke detectors.
- Conducted five public fire education workshops on various topics.
- Organized the “Adopt-a-Hospital” program with hospitals and local fire departments to ensure fire safety within facilities.
- Increased inspections 4 percent over last year. This is the fourth consecutive year that inspections have increased without increasing staff.
- Conducted 10 State Fire Marshal certification courses at various locations around the state.
- Conducted monthly training sessions covering a range of topics from LP Gas, the Americans with Disabilities Act and modular buildings to the legal aspects of code administration.
- Conducted periodic fire safety training seminars for new foster parents.

The S.C. Fire Academy

- Conducted several public fire service seminars on subjects including ladder training, Chief Fire Officer, firefighting foam and chlorine.
- Conducted two executive fire officer programs in partnership with the S.C. Fire Chiefs Association.
- Offered the first rescue school. It was a six-day course, and 66 students were trained in urban search and rescue.
- Brought the Fire Academy’s studio online and conducted the first video program, at no cost to the public fire service. The program, offered in partnership with the S.C. State Firemen’s Association, reached 1,100 students at 35 locations across the state.
- Conducted the first company officer symposium for about 100 students. It was similar to the Chief Fire Officer program.
- Upgraded and brought online a new 24-hour haz mat operations course and upgraded all eligible haz mat ops instructors to teach the program.
- Revised the instructor training program and brought it up to current NFPA standards.
- Used a federal grant to deliver anti-terrorism training to all emergency responders statewide including law enforcement.
- Received accreditation in the aircraft firefighting course, and incorporated certification into the basic 40-hour aircraft/rescue firefighting program.
- Implemented a computerized program evaluation system for all off-campus training for about 12,000 students annually, which will increase the quality of regional training.
- Added additional course support materials for the six regional offices statewide to better support off-campus delivery.
- Co-hosted an annual instructor’s conference in partnership with the S.C. Fire Instructors’ Association.

Division of Labor

- South Carolina continued to lead the nation with the most VPP Palmetto Star sites in any State Plan state. The Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs continued to offer regional training programs free-of-charge to employers across the state.

- The Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Commission began distribution to growers and workers in South Carolina the video package “Steps to Compliance – An Educational Tool for Growers in South Carolina” and “Avoiding Immigration Discrimination in Agriculture.” This was a joint project of the state and federal agencies that work with migrant workers and growers in the state. The commission also sponsored a seminar to present new ideas concerning migrant housing.
- The Office of Labor Services continued to educate the public through mailouts, personal contacts and speaking engagements throughout the year. The Child Labor Regulations were revised by the S.C. Legislature, and the revised Payment of Wages Statute is waiting approval from the Legislature. The changes will give citizens a better understanding and knowledge of the laws. Investigative forms were revised for more efficient field use. This gives investigators more time to spend working cases and reduces the amount of time spent writing reports. Also, the office continued to give penalty reductions for immediate correction of violations. Labor Services has initiated a partnership with the S.C. Department of Revenue for collection of delinquent penalties.
- OSHA worked with the state fire service to address the two-in, two-out regulation that will impact the fire service.

Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing

- This past year, representatives of the POL Division were involved in the agency’s strategic planning process along with representatives from other LLR Divisions. The agency goal is to improve services and overall image, as well as cultivate employee spirit and teamwork. Next year, when methods, plans and ideas will be put in motion, all POL Division employees will become involved in this process.
- Significant legislative additions and changes were passed by the General Assembly during the 1998 session. Most of this legislation became law in June and July of 1998 and affected the following boards of the POL Division:

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| S.130 | - Practice Act | - Pharmacy Board |
| S.271 | - Practice Act | - Architectural Examiners Board |
| S.401 | - Practice Act | - Contractors’ Licensing Board |
| S.472 | - Practice Act | - Occupational Therapy Board |
| S.489 | - Practice Act | - Opticianry Board |
| S.567 | - Practice Act | - Cosmetology Board |
| S.718 | - Practice Act | - Psychology Board (also included S.951 School Psychologists and S.1128 LPC/LMFT/DAODAS) |
| S.583 | - Practice Act | - Medical Examiners Board (Respiratory Care Practitioners) |
| H-3330 | - Practice Act | - Geology Board |
| H-3563 | - Practice Act | - Funeral Board |
| H-3764 | - Practice Act | - Accountancy Board (CPA) |
| H-3784 | - Practice Act | - Physical Therapy Board |
| R.2282 | - Regulation | - Building Codes Council (Registrations) |
| R.2283 | - Regulation | - Building Codes Council (Powers) |
| R.2274 | - Regulation | - Engineers and Land Surveyors |
| R.2277 | - Regulation | - Manufactured Housing Board |
| R.2203 | - Regulation | - Dentistry Board (CE Hours) |
| R.2278 | - Regulation | - Pilotage Commission |
| R.2273 | - Regulation | - Athletic Commission |
| R.2242 | - Regulation | - Long Term Health Care Administrators Board |
| R.2272 | - Regulation | - Medical Examiners Board |
| R.2270 | - Regulation | - Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board |
| R.2284 | - Regulation | - Massage Therapy |

- The growth and development of information technology within the POL Division continues to escalate. In a rapidly changing world and technological marketplace, LLR-Administration’s Office of Information Services, together with POL Division staff, monitor new and efficient processes and equipment as they

evolve. Staff continuously develops and updates consistent methods for data access and maintenance within POL Division program areas. The computer imaging process continues for storage and archival of board records.

Administration

- Implemented use of the VISA procurement card, realizing an administrative savings in Fiscal Year 1998 in excess of \$22,000.
- Replaced/consolidated copiers for a savings of \$12,000.
- Coordinated the move of 10 board offices into the Kingstree building at the Koger Office Complex, which completed the placement of all professional and occupational licensing boards in one building for the first time.
- Surveyed the agency's Y2K status and brought total systems to 80 percent compliance by the end of Fiscal Year 1998 with an anticipated 100 percent completion by July 1999. This includes certifying all agency PCs as Y2K compliant.
- Expanded electronic document imaging to include three new program areas.
- Installed Microsoft Exchange mail system to replace Groupwise to give the agency the capacity to generate electronically-signed documents and to submit and review e-mail from the Internet.
- Implemented electronic forms templates for selected administrative documents in anticipation of electronic signature and interoffice forms transfer capability.
- Coordinated upper management Voice of the Customer training program designed to teach data collection techniques to learn what stakeholders think of our programs.
- Maintained state appropriations at Fiscal Year 1996 levels.
- Began development of an agency strategic plan with the help of the University of South Carolina's Institute of Public Affairs.

Public Information

- In concert with Jack Abraham, EdD, Clemson University, and the S.C. State Firemen's Association, prepared a strategic plan for public fire safety education in South Carolina. In addition to the plan, the office also developed a statewide media campaign to reduce fire deaths under the slogan, "Survivor or Statistic? Get Fire Smart."
- Continued partnerships established between the state Fire Marshal's Office and private associations, and between OSHA and Associated General Contractors, the S.C. Hospital Association, the American Society of Safety Engineers and the S.C. Chamber of Commerce.
- Solicited speaking opportunities for LLR Director Lewis F. Gossett to educate the public about the programs of LLR. As a result of the effort, Director Gossett spoke to 45 civic associations and organizations.
- Continued to expand information available to the public through the agency's homepage on the Internet.
- Coordinated all aspects of the agency's booth at the State Fair.
- Continued to develop new brochures and other educational materials about agency programs, boards and offices.
- Provided the public information from agency files under the state FOIA.
- Updated the agency procedures to assure compliance with newly amended FOIA.

DIVISION OF FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY

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The Division of Fire and Life Safety serves as the fire safety focal point for South Carolina, maintaining a statewide delivery system for fire prevention, protection and training services. The division provides leadership, guidance and services needed by the fire service to carry out its responsibilities at the local level. The Office of State Fire Marshal and the S.C. Fire Academy comprise the division.

Responsibilities

Statutory responsibilities for the primary programs of the division are as follows:

Code Enforcement (23-9-10 through 23-9-180):

Charges the State Fire Marshal with responsibility for requiring compliance with national and state-adopted fire safety codes and standards promulgated by the Division of Fire and Life Safety and the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board and gives authority to the State Fire Marshal to inspect buildings for codes compliance.

South Carolina Fire Academy (23-10-10):

Charges the Fire Academy with the operation of a training facility to upgrade the state's fire service personnel—paid, volunteer and industrial.

Office of State Fire Marshal

Programs

The Office of State Fire Marshal has regulatory responsibility to ensure compliance with state fire safety regulations. This is accomplished through inspection activities by deputy state fire marshals in the field and code consultation and plans review services provided by the Engineering Services Section. Fire prevention activities aimed at reducing the state's fire death rate are managed by the Public Fire Safety Education Section. Activities include the distribution of smoke detectors, programs in the schools to educate youth and the dissemination of timely fire safety information to the public.

Public Fire Safety Education

Fire Death Statistics

The Office of State Fire Marshal collects fire death data to track and plan public fire education initiatives. During 1997, 97 fire deaths were reported, with heating, cooking and smoking-related incidents being the leading contributing factors. There were 20 deaths related to alcohol and/or drugs, one automobile accident, and two arson/murder incidents.

Get Alarmed, South Carolina!

The "Get Alarmed" program is a continuing fire safety program. The main objective of the program is to reduce fire deaths in South Carolina. There are two main goals associated with the program: 1) To alarm

citizens about the fire problem and teach them about fire safety through an ongoing public awareness campaign; and 2) To provide smoke detectors to high-risk citizens throughout the state. Through a collaborative effort with the local fire service, community-based organizations, other state agencies and industry, about 400,000 smoke detectors have been distributed since its inception. In addition to these efforts, a broad-based smoke detector project was initiated involving the S.C. State Firemen's Association, Bi-Lo grocery stores, and the Office of State Fire Marshal. Grocery stores and county coordinators statewide were identified to promote the sale of smoke detectors at a reduced rate. More than 90,000 smoke detectors were provided to families throughout the state.

In an effort to increase public awareness about the fire problem, monthly news releases were developed and mailed to the media and appointed county coordinators. Fire safety behaviors and/or current events, which may require added emphasis on fire safety, are the focus (i.e. July 4th fireworks and holiday decorations).

A concerted effort to incorporate fire safety education into programs established by other state agencies which reach high risk groups continues to expand. DHEC's Children's Health Services, where nurses go into homes of low economic areas to provide in-home health care, also provide fire safety education and smoke detectors to those in need. A partnership with DHEC's Office of Injury Prevention and Control Division has led to several grant applications for continued assistance with public fire education initiatives. The State Fire Marshal's Office has entered into a contract with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) to provide four regional fire safety training classes annually. Through a successful grant application to the National Safe Kids Campaign, in addition to fire safety training, 300 smoke detectors will be provided to clients of DDSN and fire safety materials will be distributed.

Training Workshops Offered

The Public Fire Education Section offered five statewide training workshops to help promote fire education. Topics ranged from conducting basic community fire and life safety, to the more enhanced training using characterization through clowning and puppetry to convey fire related messages. Juvenile firesetting intervention methods were provided to fire departments in the first in a series of training to combat the increasing problem of children involved with firesetting.

Fire Safety Curriculum For Public Schools

Public fire safety educational efforts of this office include the development and implementation of a comprehensive fire safety educational curriculum for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Using the state's public school system as its delivery mechanism, the kindergarten through first grade "Freddie's Fire Smart Kids" curriculum and the second- and third-grade curriculum, "Freddie's Fire Safety Friends" have been developed and implemented on a limited basis, reaching about 50,000 students. Groundwork is in place to expand the "Freddie" curriculum to reach fourth, fifth and sixth grades during fiscal year 1997-98, with the full series to be completed and into the state's school system by the year 2000-2001.

Comprehensive Plan For Public Fire Education

LLR entered into a contractual agreement with Jack Abraham, EdD, Clemson University, to prepare a comprehensive fire safety education plan with key goals to include:

- Expand the "Freddie" fire safety curriculum to every elementary classroom in the state.
- Make "Freddie" as recognizable to the public as "Smokey the Bear" is for the U.S. Forest Service.
- Launch a statewide media campaign similar to the Department of Public Safety's "Highway or Dieways."
- Put more emphasis on the annual celebration of Fire Prevention Week in October.

- Provide news releases that fire departments can use to get fire safety messages out to the public through the media.

South Carolina Fire Incident Reporting System

State law requires that the division collect and analyze data on fire incidents. Presently, more than 200 fire departments submit information on the types of calls they respond to each month whether fire or non-fire incidents. These departments are strategically located throughout South Carolina, providing a more accurate overview of the fires experienced. The reporting system captures information about the various activities of the fire service in addition to collecting causal factors on fire situations. With fire-related incidents, deaths and injuries, information is gathered and used at the local, state and federal levels. This information assists in identifying problem areas and developing programs to directly impact the monitoring and evaluating programs to determine their effectiveness in reducing the overall fire problem.

To perpetuate participation into the system, the Office of State Fire Marshal provides fire departments with computer software which captures needed information at no charge. The state’s offer to purchase incident reporting computer software for fire departments has made the program accessible to local fire departments and has increased participation in the system. About 40 fire departments submit data.

Inspection Services

Training seminars were conducted monthly for the deputies on a wide range of professional and personal development topics. The topics ranged from LP Gas installation at residential sites, LP Gas Transport operations, refresher training on use and operation of LP Gas detection meters, how the Americans with Disabilities Act impacts building construction and inspections and learning how to determine the differences between manufactured housing and modular buildings. Training also included conducting a proper inspection to how the Administrative Law Judge system works. Underwriter’s Laboratories conducted a free training seminar and tour of its facility.

The deputies were also encouraged to participate in a wide range of other professional association activities such as their counties’ fire chiefs associations and other fire service organizations.

The first draft of our inspection checklist for each type of inspection conducted was completed.

Efforts to cross train several of the deputies in the safe handling and use of explosives continued this year.

Inspections for Codes Compliance

Fire safety codes compliance was the primary responsibility mandated to the Office of State Fire Marshal at its inception. Today, inspections continue as one of the core functions. Listed below are some of the activities and inspections conducted by the deputy state fire marshals.

Assembly	100
Colleges/universities	349
Schools	3,191
Jails/prisons	698
Day care facilities	1,430
Foster care facilities	3,337
Group homes/CTH/SLP	189
Nursing homes/hospitals	2
Apartments	130
Hotels	8
LP Gas site inspections	277
Factory/industrial	30

Mercantile	11
Storage	27
State-owned buildings	590
Offices	105
Fire equipment businesses	293
Fire protection systems	67
Fire alarm	337
Aboveground tanks	24
Hazardous	30
Fireworks display inspections	28
Explosives magazines	232
Explosive blasting sites	4
Assisted inspections	820
Reinspection	2,264

In addition to the inspections conducted by the deputies, 270 LP Gas dealers/resellers were tested, 298 fire equipment personnel were tested and licensed or relicensed, 150 fire equipment companies were licensed, 567 LP Gas companies were licensed, 54 pyrotechnic shooters were licensed or relicensed, and 153 fireworks permits were issued.

The explosives function was transferred to the Office of State Fire Marshal during fiscal year 1996-97. Permits for magazines issued totaled 128. There were 150 blasters' licenses issued and 298 blasting permits issued.

Engineering Services

Plans Reviews

The engineering staff provides comprehensive reviews of designs for buildings and building systems to determine compliance with state laws, regulations and codes. This service can identify unsafe designs before the building is constructed resulting in less expensive and often more effective code compliance. In 1996, the staff began a quality improvement program to streamline the review process with fewer delays for the "customers" (owners, designers, contractors). The average time from our receipt of plans to a review of these plans was reduced from 38 days to 18 days in 1996-97, and that was maintained through 1997-98 despite a 10 percent increase in submittals. This reduced time results in cost savings to the customer and more effective code enforcement.

In fiscal year 1997-98, 564 projects were reviewed.

Technical Assistance

The staff provided technical assistance to owners, designers, contractors and private citizens as well as state and local government officials. This assistance is provided through phone conversations, meetings, on-site visits and letters. The type of assistance ranges from simple questions on requirements to large and difficult fire protection engineering problems that are not specifically addressed by codes. The staff also maintains working relationships with regional and national fire protection organizations.

Education

In fiscal year 1998, the engineering staff continued to expand its role in educating designers, contractors and local officials about fire protection requirements and methods. The staff conducted presentations at seminars and professional association meetings, taught courses and published newsletter articles. The target is a proactive approach to fire protection at the local government and contractor level. This will enable local officials and designers to solve compliance problems at the local level, and allow the Office of the State Fire Marshal to provide expertise in situations where it is most needed.

In fiscal year 1997-98, 298 students were taught in Fire Marshal certification courses, and 61 students were taught in continuing education refresher courses.

South Carolina Fire Academy

The Fire Academy's mission is to develop an instructional delivery system through which a standardized statewide firefighter training curriculum is developed and implemented to train a maximum number of career, volunteer and industrial fire service personnel. Services are provided to accomplish the following activities: developing the skills necessary to command and control emergency operations involving fire, rescue and hazardous materials incidents; developing the managerial and leadership skills for all levels of fire service officers; and developing skills in fire department support functions to include public fire education, fire prevention inspections and investigations.

The Fire Academy has three separate main program areas: Resident Training, Regional Training, and Curriculum, Instructor Certification and Accreditation. There are an estimated 800 fire departments with 18,000 paid and volunteer firefighters and 4,500 fire brigade members in South Carolina. Last year, the Fire Academy trained about 13,500 public fire service personnel and 3,500 industrial fire brigade students in 1,552 courses statewide.

Resident Training

The new Fire Academy facility has been in operation for two years. The new facility is the largest state fire academy facility in the country and is located off Monticello Road. It features modern classrooms, a 60-room dormitory, cafeteria, drill tower, seven-acre lake for diver training, six-bay fire station, student processing center, two burn buildings, flammable liquid and gas training pads, and two FAA-funded aircraft training props, which are computer controlled. Classes are conducted seven days a week at the site, with weekend classes held primarily for volunteers.

Curriculum, Accreditation and Certification

The Fire Academy operates an instructor certification system for about 600 part-time instructors, who teach Fire Academy courses in their fire departments. The certification system requires entry level and recertification requirements and consists of courses in instructor methodology as well as fire specific programs. The program is a key element in the delivery of 85 percent of all Fire Academy off-campus training. Curriculum development efforts this past year have been devoted to upgrading the Fire Academy's industrial curriculum courses.

The Fire Academy operates a firefighter certification program and is accredited by the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress, which is operated by Oklahoma State University. The Fire Academy's program consists of six separate certification areas with another 25 potential certification levels possible. Last year, the Fire Academy provided testing and certified about 450 firefighters.

Regional Training

The Fire Academy operates six regional offices (four staffed with full-time personnel), which deliver off-campus training statewide. Last year, the Fire Academy trained about 13,000 of the total 17,000 students through its regional office network. A training concept known as "train the trainer," where the Fire Academy trains the public fire department's training staff in educational methodology and specific fire courses, produced 80 percent of all students trained through regional offices. This system is efficient in that the Fire Academy issues certificates and maintains course records, but does not provide salary compensation or travel for instructor services. It does supervise and oversee the training for course quality and standard compliance.

DIVISION OF LABOR

South Carolina and federal laws are the source of various rights employers and employees have in their employer/employee relationships. LLR, Division of Labor, is one of several state and federal agencies which administers the laws assuring these rights. Occupational safety, payment of wages, child labor, migrant labor and mediation of disputes between unions and businesses all fall under this division. Elevators and amusement rides also are regulated to assure the public's safety.

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides

The office was created in 1986 to administer the South Carolina Elevator Code and the South Carolina Amusement Ride Safety Code. To ensure compliance with both, the licensing staff of 10 inspectors conducts inspections of new and existing elevator facilities and amusement rides.

Elevator Safety Inspections

Under Chapter 16 of Title 41 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides administers regulations governing construction, alteration and installation of new elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, handicapped lifts and moving walks. It also administers safety standards for existing facilities. All safety standards are national consensus standards as published by the American National Standards Institute. The office and the special inspectors it licenses inspect elevator facilities and issue operating certificates.

Since registration of elevators formally began in July 1986, there have been 7,290 elevators registered in South Carolina. Those counties registering the highest number of elevators were Richland, Charleston, Greenville and Horry. A total of 5,977 inspections were conducted of elevator facilities, which included passenger and freight elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, manlifts and handicapped lifts. Fees for inspections by the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides are based on the contract price for new elevators under construction or on the number of floors served by an existing elevator. These fees amounted to \$746,615 for inspections conducted during fiscal year 1997-98. Inspection fees charged by LLR and its special inspectors are set by regulation no more than once a year. Of the 5,997 inspections, 979 were performed by four special inspectors licensed by LLR.

Fines and re-inspection fees for elevators that did not comply with state laws totaled \$25,282.50 for this fiscal year.

Elevator Inspection Activity

Fiscal Year 1997-98

Annual Inspections	5,039
Construction Turnover	350
Construction Temps	150
Re-inspections	305
Complaints	19
Accident	5
Alteration Inspections	109
Total conducted by Agency Inspectors	5,977
Special Inspector Inspections	979

The Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides issued 7,290 operating certificates for elevators determined to be in compliance with the S.C. Elevator Code and Regulations, 355 permits for construction of new elevator facilities, 275 of these were hydraulic elevators, 51 were traction elevators, 24 were for handicapped lifts, 9 were for dumbwaiters, and 139 were alterations to existing elevators.

Amusement Ride Safety Inspections

Under Chapter 18 of Title 41 of the South Carolina Code of Laws 1976 (as amended), the Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides administers regulations governing the construction, alteration and installation of new elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, handicapped lifts and moving walks. It also administers safety standards for existing facilities. All safety standards are national consensus standards as published by the American National Standards Institute. The office and the special inspectors it licenses inspect elevator facilities and issue operating certificates.

During fiscal year 1997-98, the office issued 692 operating permits for amusement devices and collected \$61,762.50 in inspection fees. A total of 1,000 inspections were conducted on amusement devices. No inspections were conducted by special inspectors.

Fines and re-inspection fees for rides that did not comply with state laws totaled \$4,700 this year.

Bungee Jumping

The office began regulating the practice of bungee jumping in July 1994. In fiscal year 1997-98, there were only two sites in the state. Both were in Myrtle Beach. The office collected \$1,800 in fees.

Amusement Device Inspection Activity

Fiscal Year 1997-98

Initial Inspection	692
Accident	0
Re-inspection	58
Complaint	7

Office of Labor Services

Wages

It is the responsibility of the Office of Labor Services to enforce the South Carolina labor laws regarding payment of wages and child labor. In 1986, the office was given new responsibilities and authority by passage of Act No. 412, a complete revision of the Payment of Wages Law. As signed by the Governor on April 21, 1986, this act requires employers to give written notice to employees of certain key provisions of their wages, to pay according to this notice, and to keep records of the payments. LLR is authorized to make inspections, issue warnings and citations, and assess civil penalties for violations of the act.

In 1989, the office was given new responsibilities by passage of Act No. 209, which is an amendment to state child labor laws as signed by the Governor on June 8, 1989. The amendment allows the agency to make findings concerning employers who engage in any oppressive child labor actions, to issue warnings and to assess civil penalties.

During fiscal year 1997-98, 1,744 businesses were investigated; 1,000 warnings were issued for violations of the record-keeping requirements of 41-10-30; and 800 citations were issued for violations of 41-10-40, payment of wages, accounting for \$146,375 in assessed penalties.

Wage-Related Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Complaints received	1,744
Complaints investigated	1,744
Warnings issued	1,000
Citations issued	800
Violations cited	5,001
Average number of violations per investigation	2.86
Penalties assessed	\$146,375
Compliance investigations (includes follow-ups and child labor)	309

Child Labor Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Child Labor investigations	160
Warnings issued	133
Citations issued	3
Violations cited	134

Office of Mediation for Organized Labor

Under §41-17-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), the LLR director is responsible for assisting in the settlement of labor disputes (except railroads and express companies doing business by rail). Through the Office of Mediation for Organized Labor, the director investigates industrial disputes, strikes, lockouts, and their causes, and tries to help the two sides reach agreement. When requested by both sides, mediators will act as arbitrators or appoint other arbitrators. In general, the Office of Mediation tries to eliminate the causes of misunderstanding and differences between unionized labor and management.

This office also administers the South Carolina Right to Work Law (S.C. Code of Laws, §41-7-10 through §41-7-90), which provides that the rights of workers shall not be denied or abridged based upon their affiliation or non-affiliation with a labor union. During fiscal year 1997-98, there were 29 Right to Work complaints.

During fiscal year 1997-98, the Office of Mediation monitored and/or participated in 239 contract negotiations involving 18,404 union employees. Two strikes were reported that involved 2,694 union workers and a total of 338,728 lost work hours.

Mediation Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Contracts Negotiated	239
Union Workers Involved in Negotiations	18,404
Right to Work Cases	29
Strikes Reported	2
Workers Involved in Strikes	2,694
Work Hours Lost Due to Strikes	338,728

Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Commission

The South Carolina Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Commission is charged with the responsibility of “examination and supervision of the migrant labor programs in South Carolina, the cooperation with state and federal agencies in improving existing programs, and the coordination of programs to improve the conditions for migrant labor.”

The office operates as a clearinghouse by facilitating, coordinating and monitoring programs and services provided by public and private organizations.

The office works closely with all agencies addressing the laws pertaining to farmers and migrant and seasonal farm workers in South Carolina.

During fiscal year 1997-98, the office accomplished the following goals:

1. Actively participated in addressing problems and issues that affected migrant and seasonal farm workers. These cases involved housing, hiring practices, emergency assistance, terminations, immigration and referrals.
2. Continued to operate a toll-free telephone line with voice mail features in English and Spanish so that farm workers and individuals would have access to the office when it is closed or the staff is out of the office.
3. Distributed the South Carolina OSHA poster and the *Services for Migrant Workers* handbook in English and Spanish, which includes emergency numbers to help farm workers and growers secure services when needed.
4. Distributed the video package containing the two videos, “Steps to Compliance -- An Educational Tool for Growers in South Carolina” and “Avoiding Immigration Discrimination in Agriculture” to grower’s associations, agencies and individuals.
5. Sponsored a housing seminar for growers.

South Carolina Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Commission

Under South Carolina Code of Laws 46-43-20, 1976 (as amended), it is the responsibility of the South Carolina Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers Commission "to maintain a continuing consultative examination and supervision of the migrant labor program relating to living conditions; health, housing and public assistance and the coordination of federal, state and local programs relating thereto."

SOUTH CAROLINA MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARM WORKERS COMMISSION

A. Bill Jenkins, chairman
Thompson Smith, vice chairman

Rev. Carroll Johnson

*Southeast/Williamsburg Baptist Association
Hemingway, S.C.*

Mary D. Ruschky

*S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Columbia, S.C.*

Raymond Tumbleston

Vegetable grower, Edisto Island, S.C.

Barbara Coleman

Telamon Corp., Columbia, S.C.

Dorothy Snowden

Tobacco grower, Hemingway, S.C.

Adair McKoy

Vegetable grower, Wadmalaw Island, S.C.

Thompson Smith

S.C. Farm Bureau Federation, Columbia, S.C.

Robert F. McCurry

Peach grower, Vance, S.C.

Ben Gramling, II

Apple grower, Gramling, S.C.

Lazetta Bruce

Peach grower, Campobello, S.C.

O. Belton Sanders

*S.C. Employment Security Commission
Wadmalaw Island, S.C.*

A. Bill Jenkins

*Sea Island Health Care Group
Johns Island, S.C.*

Jess Torres

*Department of Education
Columbia, S.C.*

Miriam Bickley

*Department of Social Services
Columbia, S.C.*

Rev. J.J. Diaz

*Iglesia Biblica Latino Americana, A.R.P.
Columbia, S.C.*

Office of Occupational Safety and Health

Compliance Section

The purpose of the state Occupational Safety and Health Act is to assure working men and women a safe and healthful working environment. To see that the objectives of the act are met, the Compliance Section staff of 14 compliance officers and 11 industrial hygienists conducts inspections to ensure compliance with safety standards and initiates enforcement procedures in cases of noncompliance.

During fiscal year 1997-98, the Compliance Section conducted 1,534 inspections. Safety inspections numbered 1,267 or 82.5 percent of this total. Health inspections numbered 267 or 17.4 percent of total inspections. These figures represent a 10 percent increase in the total number of safety and health inspections compared to 1996-97 figures.

A further analysis of compliance activity reveals the following:

- 963 planned inspections
- 211 complaint inspections
- 76 accident and fatality investigations, which involved 25 fatalities
- 28 referral inspections
- 96 unprogrammed related inspections
- 62 follow-up inspections
- 93 programmed related inspections
- 5 monitoring inspections

A total of 3,223 violations were cited. The 916 other-than serious violations accounted for 28.4 percent; 2,272 serious violations accounted for 70.5 percent; and 31 repeat violations accounted for 1 percent of the total violations. The adjusted penalties for these violations amounted to \$1,089,516. Penalties collected during the fiscal year totaled \$685,302. There were four willful violations, which accounted for less than 1 percent of total violations.

OSHA Compliance Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Number of Inspections	1,534
Case Hours	20,642
Case Hours Per Inspection	13.46
Number of Violations	
Serious	2,272
Repeat	31
Other	916
Willful	4
Number in Compliance	484
Percent in Compliance	31.6 percent
Employees Covered	132,714
Employees Covered Per Inspection	86.5
Percentages:	
Safety Inspections	82.6 percent
Planned Inspections	62.8 percent
Accident and Fatality Investigations	5.0 percent
Complaints	13.8 percent
Referrals	1.8 percent
Follow-up Inspections	4.0 percent
Unprogrammed Related	6.3 percent
Programmed Related	6.1 percent
Monitoring	0.3 percent
Health Inspections	17.4 percent

Technical Support Section

Integrated Management Information System

This section has the responsibility to compile, analyze and prepare accurate data as necessary concerning all safety and health inspections and activities which will assist in the management of the state OSH program. Data collected is used to plan, direct and evaluate the OSH program and to provide objective information on which to base policy decisions.

Statistics Section

Annual Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Survey

This annual survey of work-related injuries and illnesses by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) is conducted by the Technical Support Section in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. It is closely connected with South Carolina's OSH plan.

By utilizing formal sampling techniques and estimating procedures, only a relatively small percentage of the total private sector employers are required to report under this system. Data collected in this survey is based on uniform record keeping requirements, which are mandatory under provisions of both the 1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act and corresponding state laws.

Data compiled from the survey includes items relating to hours worked, nature of business and injury/illness rates for various industry groups. These rates allow for comparisons, both between years and among industry groups, in order to measure the effectiveness of the state OSH plan and to provide a management tool for safety engineers and persons interested in measurements of work injuries and illnesses.

A total of 71,932 occupational injuries and illnesses were reported in 1996, a 6.5 percent decrease from 1994. Of the recordable cases, about one out of every 17 workers in South Carolina experienced a job-related injury or illness. Of the 71,932 recordable cases, an estimated 29,965 cases involved lost workdays. About 95.3 percent of the total cases were occupational injuries, and 4.7 percent were illnesses.

Questionnaires were mailed to 4,718 sample units. A relatively small portion of these were excluded because:

- The employer was no longer in operation
- They were included in a report for another location
- Duplicate survey forms were received for the same location
- Or the survey form was not mailed because of an inadequate address.

Original and follow-up mailings and telephone calls resulted in 3,619 usable questionnaires.

For further analysis and detailed data, refer to the South Carolina Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Survey, which is published annually by the Technical Support Section, LLR.

For information regarding the national data, please call the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division at OSH, at (803) 734-4298.

Standards Section

Three public hearings were held during fiscal year 1997-98 to correct, amend or revise 33 existing OSHA standards and to promogate three new standards.

- (1) New Section 1910.134 on Respiratory Protection
- (2) New Section 1910.139 on Respiratory Protection for Mituberculosis
- (3) New Section 71-410 on Abatement Verification

Reason for telephone call	Number of calls
Standards Information	2,249
Technical information/advice	424
Standards interpretation	472
General information	217
Referrals	<u>557</u>
TOTAL	3,919

Legal Review Section

During fiscal year 1997-98, 45 inspections resulted in protested citations. These protests were docketed with the South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board for hearing under the rules of the board. During this period, 31 cases were closed by agreement of the parties. Others were heard by the board.

South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board

Under §41-15-600 through §41-15-640, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 (as amended), it is the responsibility of the South Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Review Board to hear and decide contested cases resulting from citations, penalties and time periods for abatement of citations issued by the director of LLR.

The board consists of six members, one from each Congressional district.

Current Board Members

Fred R. Rothaermel
Congressional District #1

Declan R. Klingenhagen
Congressional District #2

Roy R. Hemphill
Congressional District #3

vacant
Congressional District #4

Elaine L. Craft
Congressional District #5

Walter M. Riggs
Congressional District #6

S.C. Occupational Health and Safety Review Board Activity Fiscal Year 1997-1998

<u>Review Board Member</u>	<u>No. of Cases Assigned</u>
Fred R. Rothaermel	9
Declan F. Klingenhagen	16
Roy R. Hemphill	3
Elaine L. Craft	14
Walter M. Riggs	3
TOTAL CASES	45

Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs

The Office of OSHA Voluntary Programs provides safety and health courtesy inspections, technical assistance, and safety and health training to aid the business community of South Carolina in voluntary compliance with all areas of the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Services are free to both public and private sector employers upon request. Training resource materials, brochures, booklets, audiovisual programs, seminars, lectures and extended courses have been developed to assist employers in providing their employees a safe and healthful work environment.

The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) or Palmetto Star Program continues to recognize manufacturing facilities that have exemplary safety and health records and have reduced injury and illness rates.

Education and Training Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

INDUSTRY TYPE	# OF TRAINING PROGRAMS
General Industry	48
Construction	21
Health	264
Local Government	57
State Government	40
TOTAL	430
Contact Hours	20,476
# of Trainees	14,675

Consultation Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Requests Received	270
Total Consultative Visits	296
• Courtesy Inspections	274
• Technical Assistance	9
• Follow ups	13
Total: Establishments Visited	296
Total: Serious Violations	3,050
Total: All Hazards Corrected	4,045
Employees Affected	15,720
Workplaces Achieving Voluntary Compliance (eight referred to compliance)	205
Samples Submitted	453
Laboratory Analysis	2,448

Palmetto Star Program Activity Fiscal Year 1997-98

Approved Palmetto Star Sites 28

SIC #:

15	1
221	1
222	1
2221	6
225	1
2258	2
226	1
2262	2
2269	1
228	1
2281	2
2282	2
2299	1
243	1
2869	2
3443	1
3714	1
3795	1

Document Submission for Review	5
Re-evaluations (3 years re-evaluation)	4
Pending On-site Review	5
Denial/Withdrawal	0

DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING

Occupational licensure has a long history. Modern day licensure has its roots in workers' guilds, which can be traced back to the 10th century in England. The first modern effort to regulate occupations and professions was Virginia's medical practice act in 1639. In the late 1800s, state licensure activity began in earnest, and by 1900, a majority of the states had licensed attorneys, dentists, pharmacists, physicians and teachers. Between 1900 and 1960, most states licensed an additional 20 occupations and professions including accountants, nurses, real estate brokers, barbers, hairdressers, chiropractors and funeral directors. Today, more than 80 occupations and professions are licensed by one or more states.

Occupational licensing is an exercise of the state's inherent police power to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. State licensure is deemed appropriate when:

- unqualified practice poses a serious risk to a consumer's life, health, safety or economic well-being;
- the public cannot accurately judge a practitioner's qualifications; and
- benefits to the public clearly outweigh potential harmful effects of licensure (such as a decrease in the supply of practitioners).

The absence of these conditions generally indicates that licensure is not justified or that some alternative form of regulation such as registration or certification may be appropriate. Proponents of licensure argue that the purpose of licensure is to raise standards of practice, ensure quality service, and establish accepted codes of ethical behavior. In the last two decades, there has been a growing awareness of licensure's concomitant responsibility to promote continuing professional education and competence and to enforce licensure laws against fraudulent, incompetent, and unethical behavior.

On Feb. 1, 1994, Act 181 created the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (DLLR). This act restructured a significant portion of state government by merging the Department of Labor, The State Fire Marshal's Office, the S.C. Fire Academy and 38 professional and occupational licensing boards to form the new agency. The Professional and Occupational Licensing (POL) Division was established to oversee the administration of the licensing boards. The boards are categorized and separated into five related offices:

Office of Business and Related Services (BRS)
Office of Design, Environmental and Building Services (ODEBS)
Office of Health Related Professions (HRP)
Office of Medically Related Professions (MRP)
Office of Real Estate and Building Code Professions (REBCP)

The administration office for the division is the focal point and liaison office for all POL office groupings. Administration staff deals with issues which include:

- participation in agency strategic planning
- analysis of program effectiveness and cost efficiency
- assessment of information technology direction
- professional legal direction to boards during administrative hearings
- response to inquiries regarding licensing matters or other concerns and resolution of complaints
- oversight of procurement, personnel and other agency administrative matters
- investigation of diverse problems or situations which arise within the Division
- coordination of the DSS Child Support Enforcement Division license revocation process

Board of Accountancy

Administrator: Robert W. Wilkes, Jr.
EMAIL Address: robin@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Bldg. Ste 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4492 Fax: (803) 896-4554

Board Established: 1915
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-2-70 Regulation: 1-10
Board Member Slots: 9 Board Meetings: Monthly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: N/A

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board examines applicants and issues certificates and licenses to certified public accountants, public accountants and accounting practitioners. The Board may discipline certificate and license holders, prescribe rules and regulations, investigate complaints, and in general, regulate the practice of accounting in the state.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	3,866	218
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT	57	0
ACCOUNTING PRACTITIONER	138	18
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>4,289</u>

Exams Passed: 170
Exams Failed: 1,157
Complaints: 48
Investigations: 48
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 68
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Architectural Examiners

Administrator: Jan B. Simpson
EMAIL Address: simpsonj@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Design, Environmental and Building Services
Assistant Deputy Director: T. Randall Halfacre

Board Location: 110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Bldg., Ste 201
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11419
Columbia, SC 29211-1419

Telephone: (803) 896-4408 Fax: (803) 896-4410

Board Established: 1917
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-3-10, et seq. Regulation: 11-10
Board Member Slots: 6 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 and Dec. 31
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board's mission is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of South Carolina by registering and regulating architects to ensure competent practitioners in the profession. The Board establishes standards of conduct, investigates complaints and engages in disciplinary action when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
ARCHITECT	2,671	232
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM	627	149
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):	<u>3,679</u>

Exams Passed: 16
Exams Failed: 0
Complaints: 73
Investigations: 82
Board Hearings: 2
Licenses Revoked: 0 (Board action)
Licenses Suspended: 0
Licenses Lapsed: 96 (Failure to renew - administratively revoked)

Athletic Commission

Administrator: Lou Ann Pyatt
 EMAIL Address: pyattl@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
 Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Ste 104
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1984
 SC Code of Laws Section: 52-7-10, et seq. Regulation: 20-10, et seq.
 Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Monthly
 License Renewal Date(s): Dec. 31 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Commission directs, manages and controls boxing, wrestling, sparring events, exhibitions, athletic contests and performances occurring in South Carolina. The Commission stresses protection of the participants of athletic events. It investigates complaints and provides disciplinary actions whenever necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
BOXER	N/A	46
KICKBOXER	N/A	0
SECOND MANAGER	N/A	25
PROMOTER	N/A	14
WRESTLER	N/A	24
JUDGE	N/A	223
TRAINER	N/A	9
REFEREE	N/A	9
ANNOUNCER	N/A	25
TIMEKEEPER	N/A	8
MATCHMAKER	N/A	3
		2

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 388

Exams Passed:	N/A	Board Hearings:	1
Exams Failed:	N/A	Licenses Revoked:	0
Complaints:	2	Investigations:	2
		Licenses Suspended:	0

Auctioneers Commission

Administrator: Lou Ann Pyatt
EMAIL Address: pyattl@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Dr., Kingstree Bldg. Ste 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1977
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-6-10, et seq. Regulation: 14-10, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 5 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Commission monitors and regulates through its statutes, regulations and policies, the standards of conduct for auctioneers, apprentice auctioneers and auction firms in the state.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
AUCTIONEER	686	89
APPRENTICE AUCTIONEER	2	3
AUCTION FIRM	69	23

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 872

Exams Passed: 85
Exams Failed: 9
Routine Inspections: 20
Complaints: 31
Investigations: 31
Board Hearings: 1
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Barber Examiners

Administrator: Eddie L. Jones
 EMAIL Address: jonese@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
 Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4585 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1937
 SC Code of Laws Section: 40-7-10, et seq. Regulation: 17-10, et seq.
 Board Member Slots: 5 Board Meetings: Monthly
 License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Barber Examiners is responsible for licensing all barbers, barber shops, barber colleges and instructors. The Board is also responsible for conducting examinations of barbers and instructors. Regular inspections are made in all barber shops and barber schools in the state. In addition, the Board investigates complaints and provides discipline when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
REGISTERED BARBER LICENSE	1,348	143
APPRENTICE BARBER LICENSE	0	257
TEACHER LICENSE	285	57
STUDENT PERMIT	0	262
BARBER ASSISTANT LICENSE	13	1
BARBER SHOP LICENSE	1,168	87
BARBER SCHOOL LICENSE	10	2
ON-THE-JOB INSTRUCTOR	0	0
MASTER HAIRCARE SPECIALIST	1,388	178

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 5,199

Exams Passed:	280	Board Hearings:	21
Exams Failed:	557	Licenses Revoked:	0
Routine Inspections:	1,273	Licenses Suspended:	5
Complaints:	11		
Investigations:	11		

Board for Barrier Free Design

Administrator: Gary F. Wiggins
EMAIL Address: wigginsg@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/bfd.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 102
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4684 Fax: (803) 896-6038

Board Established:	1974		
SC Code of Laws Section:	10-5-210	Regulation:	19-400
Board Member Slots:	9	Board Meetings:	Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s):	NO LICENSES	Reciprocity Accepted:	N/A

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board was created to establish, publish and enforce standards necessary to eliminate architectural barriers to entry and use of public and governmental buildings by citizens with physical disabilities. The mission is to encourage and enable persons with disabilities to achieve maximum personal independence, become gainfully employed, use and enjoy public and governmental buildings and participate fully in society. The Board investigates complaints and provides assistance to the construction industry.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

Routine Inspections:	182
Complaints:	38
Investigations:	52
Board Hearings:	0

Building Codes Council

Administrator: Gary F. Wiggins
EMAIL Address: wigginsg@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/bcc.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 102
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4688 Fax: (803) 896-6038

Board Established: 1972
SC Code of Laws Section: 6-9-60 and 23-43-160 Regulation: 19-470
Board Member Slots: 15 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Council approves building and construction codes submitted for adoption by municipalities and counties. The Council also issues licenses to modular manufacturers, their sales representatives, and approves inspection agencies for manufacturing facilities. Council staff reviews and approves design plans for all modular buildings sold in S.C. and issues certification labels for each approved unit to be installed. In 1997-98, there were 428 model designs approved and 2201 labels issued.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
MODULAR BLDG. MFR (0-24 UNITS BUILT ANNUALLY)	53	9
MODULAR BLDG. MFR (25+ UNITS BUILT ANNUALLY)	14	0
MODULAR MFR REPRESENTATIVE	97	15

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 188

Routine Inspections: 76
Complaints: 11
Investigations: 0
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 1

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Administrator: Alana T. Holmes
EMAIL Address: holmesa@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4587 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1932
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-9-10, et seq. Regulation: 25-10
Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: Twice Annually
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners was created to protect the health and safety of the public by establishing qualifications for entry into the profession and by disciplining those chiropractic practitioners who violate South Carolina laws governing their profession.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

LICENSE CATEGORY: RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED: NEW LICENSES ISSUED:

DOCTOR OF CHIROPRACTIC 998 70

Total Licenses Issued 97-98: 1,068

Exams Passed: 17
Exams Failed: 116
Complaints: 23
Investigations: 23
Board Hearings: 4
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 3

Contractors' Licensing Board

Administrator: Ronald E. Galloway
 EMAIL Address: gallowar@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/ctrctr/clb.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
 Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 102
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
 Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4686 Fax: (803) 896-6038

Board Established: 1936
 SC Code of Laws Sections: 40-11-10, et seq; 40-79-10, et seq; and 23-45-10, et seq.
 Regulation: 29-1, et seq.
 Board Member Slots: 8
 Board Meetings: Quarterly
 License Renewal Date(s): Mechanical & General Contractors - Biennial - April 1
 Fire sprinkler - Annual - August 1
 Burglar/Fire Alarm - Biennial - 24 months after date issued
 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes - GA, NC, AL, TX (Limited Number of Classifications)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board's mission is to regulate the practice of general and mechanical contracting, burglar and fire alarm system businesses, and fire protection sprinkler contractors. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines contractors as necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>Off-Year RENEWALS</u>	<u>NEW</u>	<u>Licenses Issued/Renewed</u>	<u>Total Licenses</u>
GENERAL CONTRACTOR (Biennial)	190	851	1,041	6,118
MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR (Biennial)	84	512	596	3,385
BIDDER	N/A	N/A	0	0
FIRE PROTECTION/SPRINKLER CONTRACTOR (Annual)	101	23	124	348
ALARM SYSTEMS BUSINESS (Biennial)	181	64	245	124

TOTAL NUMBER LICENSES IN EFFECT FOR 1997-98: 9,975

* BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT:

Registered Employee and/or Certified Qualifier	N/A	N/A	15,000+	N/A
Exams Passed:	1,275	Investigations:	98	
Exams Failed:	980	Board Hearings:	10	
Routine Inspections:	N/A	Licenses Revoked:	7	
Complaints:	206	Licenses Suspended:	1	

* Business entities are required to have a registered employee or an individual named as the certified qualifier to maintain licensure.

Board of Cosmetology

Administrator: Eddie L. Jones
EMAIL Address: jonese@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1934
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-13-10, et seq. Regulation: 35-10, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Monthly
License Renewal Date(s): March 10 and June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Cosmetology licenses and regulates cosmetologists, cosmetology instructors and schools, estheticians and manicurists. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines when appropriate.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
SALON	5,020	3,500
COSMETOLOGIST	19,908	1,106
INSTRUCTOR	550	18
MANICURIST	1,666	350
ESTHETICIAN	105	40
SCHOOL	42	2
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>37,323</u>

Exams Passed: 1,380
Exams Failed: 359
Routine Inspections: 4,290
Complaints: 66
Investigations: 66
Board Hearings: 26
Licenses Revoked: 1
Licenses Suspended: 1

Board of Examiners for Professional Counselors, and Marital and Family Therapists

Administrator: Marjorie C. Montgomery
 EMAIL Address: montgomm@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
 Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11329
 Columbia, SC 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4658 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1985
 SC Code of Laws Section: 40-75-10, et seq. Regulation: 36-10
 Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: Every Two Months
 License Renewal Date(s): Biennial Licensure - Issue Dates Vary, Dependent on Board Approval
 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board maintains quality counseling and therapeutic services in South Carolina by licensing qualified professionals. The Board provides examinations and licenses for professional counselors, marital and family therapists, and psycho-educational specialists who have received appropriate education, experience, and have passed the required examination.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	383	158
ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR	22	87
MARITAL/FAMILY THERAPIST	66	7
SUPERVISOR - MARITAL/FAMILY THERAPIST	14	1
SUPERVISOR - PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR	45	31

Total Licenses in Effect in FY97-98 (All Categories): * 2,263

Exams Passed:	109	Board Hearings:	1
Exams Failed:	26	Licenses Revoked:	1
Complaints:	20	Licenses Suspended:	0
Investigations:	20		

* All licenses are issued biennially. The total is inclusive of biennial licenses that were issued in the previous license year, but remain in effect during the 97-98 fiscal year.

Board of Dentistry

Administrator: H. Rion Alvey
EMAIL Address: alveyh@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Medically Related Professions
Deputy Director: Adrienne R. Youmans

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4599 Fax: (803) 896-4596

Board Established: 1875
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-15-10, et seq.
Regulation: 39-1
Board Member Slots: 9
Board Meetings: Approximately Every Other Month
License Renewal Date(s): Jan. 1
Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Dentistry oversees examinations, licensing certification, annual re-registration and regulation of dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists and dental laboratory technicians in the state. The Board investigates complaints and disciplines if needed.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
GENERAL DENTISTRY	1,935	86
DENTAL SPECIALIST	326	34
DENTAL HYGIENIST	1,785	122
DENTAL TECHNICIAN	175	7

TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED 97-98 (ALL CATEGORIES): 4,470

Exams Passed: 88
Exams Failed: 2
Routine Inspections: 438
Complaints: 95
Investigations: 95
Board Hearings: 7
Licenses Revoked: 1
Licenses Suspended: 6

Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

Administrator: Mary M. Law
 EMAIL Address: lawm@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Design, Environmental and Building Services
 Assistant Deputy Director: T. Randall Halfacre

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 201
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11597
 Columbia, SC 29211-1597
 Telephone: (803) 896-4422 Fax: (803) 896-4427

Board Established: 1922
 SC Code of Laws Section: 40-22-10, et seq. Regulation: 49-10
 Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: Every Two Months
 License Renewal Date(s): June 30
 Reciprocity Accepted: Comity - Must Meet SC Requirements

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board administers laws and regulations governing the practice of engineering and land surveying in the state. The Board's primary goals are to: ensure that only properly qualified and competent engineers and land surveyors are licensed to practice; promote technical competency and ethical standards consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct applicable to engineers and land surveyors; and appropriately discipline practitioners who are found guilty of violating laws governing engineering and land surveying.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER	10,599	843
PROF ENGINEER AND LAND SURVEYOR	235	4
LAND SURVEYOR	848	14
ENGINEERING FIRM (COA)	1,552	228

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 14,323

Exams Passed: 786
 Exams Failed: 504
 Complaints: 215
 Investigations: 215
 Board Hearings: 2
 Licenses Revoked: 2
 Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Environmental Certification

Administrator: William R. Moore
EMAIL Address: mooreb@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Design, Environmental and Building Services
Assistant Deputy Director: T. Randall Halfacre

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 201
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11409

Columbia, SC 29211-1409
Telephone: (803) 896-4430 Fax: (803) 896-4424

Board Established: 1966
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-23-10, et seq. Regulation: 51-10
Board Member Slots: 9 Board Meetings: Six Times Annually
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Board is to license qualified individuals to protect the environment for the citizens of the state. These licenses include operators of water treatment plants, waste water treatment plants, pools and spas, and well drillers. If necessary, the Board will discipline individuals who do not comply with requirements.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES:</u>
CERTIFIED POOL/SPA OPERATOR	2,433	471
WATER TREATMENT	2,293	158
BIOLOGICAL WASTEWATER	3,286	218
PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT	2,375	197
PERCOLATION TEST TECHNICIAN	24	0
WELL DRILLER	724	60

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 12,239

Exams Passed: 1,812
Exams Failed: 987
Complaints: 21
Investigations: 55
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Registration for Foresters

Administrator: Lou Ann Pyatt
EMAIL Address: pyattl@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1961
SC Code of Laws Section: 48-27-10, et seq. Regulation: 53-10, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes - States with Comparable Licensing Requirements

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Registration for Foresters registers those who are qualified by education and experience to perform professional forestry work for private landowners, wood-using industries, state and federal agencies, and other woodland owners. It receives and investigates complaints, and follows through with appropriate actions against those who violate registration laws.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
FORESTER	657	31
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98:	<u>688</u>

Exams Passed: 17
Exams Failed: 11
Complaints: 12
Investigations: 12
Board Hearings: 1
Licenses Revoked: 0 *
Licenses Suspended: 0

* During FY 97-98, five Consent Orders were issued, resulting in fines being levied against licensees.

Board of Funeral Service

Administrator: Lou Ann Pyatt
EMAIL Address: pyattl@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211

Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established:	1955	Regulation:	57-10, et seq.
SC Code of Laws Section:	40-16-10, et seq.	Board Meetings:	Quarterly
Board Member Slots:	11	Reciprocity Accepted:	Yes
License Renewal Date(s):	June 30		

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Funeral Service regulates and prescribes standards for funeral service, including embalmers and funeral directors. The Board issues funeral home permits and licenses, provides regular inspections for funeral homes, and keeps records of apprentices. The Board maintains a file of public complaints concerning licensees, and the disposition of complaints.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
FUNERAL DIRECTOR/EMBALMER	1,243	167
FUNERAL HOME	457	5
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):	<u>1,872</u>

Exams Passed:	129
Exams Failed:	63
Routine Inspections:	367
Complaints:	32
Investigations:	32
Board Hearings:	0
Licenses Revoked:	0 *
Licenses Suspended:	0

* During FY 97-98, (20) Consent Orders were issued, resulting in fines being levied against licensees.

Board of Registration for Geologists

Administrator: Lou Ann Pyatt
EMAIL Address: pyattl@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4494 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1986
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-77-10, et seq. Regulation: 131-1, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 5 Board Meetings: Twice Annually
License Renewal Date(s): June 30
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes - By Agreement With Certain States

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Board administers and enforces South Carolina law governing the conduct of geologists. It evaluates qualifications, receives complaints, provides discipline and supervises applicant examinations for licensure.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
REGISTERED GEOLOGIST	542	74
GEOLOGIST IN TRAINING	0	0
Total Licenses Issued 97-98:		<u>616</u>

Exams Passed: 23
Exams Failed: 14
Routine Inspections: N/A
Complaints: 0
Investigations: 0
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Long Term Health Care Administrators

Administrator: Dana B. Welborn
EMAIL Address: welbornd@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Medically Related Professions
Deputy Director: Adrienne R. Youmans

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 202
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4544 Fax: (803) 896-4555

Board Established: 1970
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-35-10, et seq. Regulation: 93-10
Board Member Slots: 10 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30
Reciprocity Accepted: NAB Examination (Score of 113 or Above)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

It is the duty of the Board to develop and enforce standards for individuals who work as nursing home or community residential care facility administrators. The Board licenses qualified individuals, investigates complaints and takes disciplinary action when required.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	244	66
COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY ADMINISTRATOR	421	132

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 938

Exams Passed: 191
Exams Failed: 90
Complaints: 45
Investigations: 20
Board Hearings: 5
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Manufactured Housing Board

Administrator: Gary F. Wiggins
 EMAIL Address: wigginsg@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/mhb.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
 Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 102
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4682 Fax: (803) 896-6038

Board Established: 1973
 SC Code of Laws Section: 40-29-10, et seq. Regulation: 19-425
 Board Member Slots: 11 Board Meetings: Monthly
 License Renewal Date(s): June 30 and Dec. 31 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board enforces and coordinates federal and state laws governing the manufactured housing (mobile home) industry. The Board licenses manufacturers, retail dealerships, sales persons, contractors, installers and repair persons, and investigates consumer complaints against licensees. The Board is the Administrative Agency for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is required to investigate and enforce federal manufactured housing construction and safety standards.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
MFG HSG RETAIL DEALER	586	135
MFG HSG RETAIL SALESPERSON	1,273	383
MFG HSG MANUFACTURER	119	7
MFG HSG MULTI-LOT SALESPERSON	1,474	579
MFG HSG CONTRACTOR	487	105
MFG HSG INSTALLER	104	59
MFG HSG REPAIRER	94	24

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 5,429

Exams Passed:	708	Investigations:	1,455
Exams Failed:	100	Board Hearings:	66
Routine Inspections:	1,391	Licenses Revoked:	0
Complaints:	1,455	Licenses Suspended:	1

Massage/Bodywork Therapy

Administrator: Eddie L. Jones
EMAIL Address: jonese@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4588 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Established: 1997
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-30-10, et seq. Regulation: 2284
Member Slots: 5 - Advisory Panel ; 5 - Disciplinary Panel
Meetings: At the Call of the Chair
License Renewal Date: June 30
Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Administrative licensure is provided for qualified massage/bodywork therapists. This is the Agency's first administrative licensure program with an appointed advisory panel to develop standards and regulations and a separate disciplinary panel to review and determine appropriate disciplinary actions for those who may be in violation of the law.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

LICENSE CATEGORY: RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED: NEW LICENSES ISSUED:

MASSAGE/BODYWORK THERAPIST 409 671

Total Licenses Issued 97-98: 1,180

Exams Passed: N/A
Exams Failed: N/A
Routine Inspections: 25
Complaints: 25
Investigations: 23
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 1 - Revoked by Consent Order Approved by Disciplinary Panel
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Medical Examiners

Administrator: Aaron J. Kozloski, Esq.
EMAIL Address: kozlosa@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/me.htm>

POL Office: Medically Related Professions
Deputy Director: Adrienne R. Youmans

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 202
Mailing Address: P O Box 11289
Columbia, SC 29211-1289

Telephone: (803) 896-4500 Fax: (803) 896-4515

Board Established: 1920

SC Code of Laws Section: 40-47-10, et seq. Regulation: 81-10

Board Member Slots: 10 Board Meetings: Quarterly

License Renewal Date(s): Physician - July 1
Respiratory Care Practitioner - March 1
Physician Assistant - Jan. 1

Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The primary mission of the Board is to protect the public and fulfill two major functions: (1) licensing physicians, physician assistants and respiratory care practitioners; and (2) investigating and disciplining licensees found to be engaged in misconduct as defined in the Medical Practice Act. This includes illegal, unethical or incompetent conduct.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PHYSICIAN	9,913	900
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	157	51
RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER	1,651	212

TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED 97-98 (ALL CATEGORIES): 12,884

Exams Passed: 224
Exams Failed: 18
Complaints: 312
Investigations: 749
Board Hearings: 33
Panel Hearings: 28
Licenses Revoked: 2
Licenses Suspended: 11

Board of Nursing

Administrator: Patricia L. Durgin
EMAIL Address: durginp@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Medically Related Professions
Deputy Director: Adrienne R. Youmans

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 202
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12367

Columbia, SC 29211-2367
Telephone: (803) 896-4550 Fax: (803) 896-4525

Board Established: 1935
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-33-10, et seq. Regulation: 91-10
Board Member Slots: 9 Board Meetings: Every Two Months
License Renewal Date(s): Sept. 30 and Jan. 31
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the Board of Nursing is to assure the safe and effective practice of nursing in South Carolina. The Board licenses qualified individuals as registered nurses or licensed practical nurses. Complaints are investigated and disciplinary action is taken when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
REGISTERED NURSE (RN)	32,711	3,262
PRACTICAL NURSE (LPN)	14,386	866
OFFICIAL RECOGNITION NURSE PRACTITIONER	638	284
RN - PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY	130	254

TOTAL LICENSES ISSUED 97-98 (ALL CATEGORIES): 52,531

Exams Passed: N/A
Exams Failed: N/A
Complaints: 345
Investigations: 315
Board Hearings: 2
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 39

Board of Occupational Therapy

Administrator: Brenda M. Owens
EMAIL Address: owensb@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1139
Telephone: (803) 896-4683 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1977
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-36-5, et seq. Regulation: 94-10
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): March 15
Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement Only

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Occupational Therapy examines and issues licenses to qualified occupational therapists and their assistants. The Board also investigates complaints involving therapists and disciplines practitioners when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST	783	221
CERTIFIED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT	262	84

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 1,350

Exams Passed: 178
Exams Failed: 6
Complaints: 0
Investigations: 0
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Opticianry Examiners

Administrator: Kate K. Cox
EMAIL Address: coxk@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4681 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1978
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-38-10, et seq. Regulation: 96-10
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Six - Annually
License Renewal Date(s): Oct. 1 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The mission of the Board is to administer, coordinate and enforce the provisions of the SC Opticianry Law. The Board examines and licenses opticians in the state, registers apprentices and administers examinations appropriate to the education and experience of the candidate to determine qualifications to adequately serve the public as an optician. It also investigates complaints and disciplines opticians and apprentices if necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
OPTICIAN	417	23
OPTICIAN (CONTACT LENS)	155	12
OPTICIAN APPRENTICE	120	49
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>776</u>

Exams Passed: 15
Exams Failed: 34
Complaints: 6
Investigations: 6
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Optometry Examiners

Administrator: Kate K. Cox
EMAIL Address: coxk@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4679 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1917
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-37-10, et seq. Regulation: 95-10
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: 8 Meetings Annually
License Renewal Date(s): Oct. 1 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board examines and licenses optometrists to practice in the state. It investigates complaints against licensees and disciplines if necessary. The Board determines the quality of vision care to be provided to the public and administers examinations appropriate to the education and experience of candidates to determine whether they are qualified to practice optometry. Licensees must acquire continuing education credits to maintain licenses and stay abreast of latest developments in the profession.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
OPTOMETRIST	551	21
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98: <u>572</u>	

Exams Passed: 20
Exams Failed: 3
Complaints: 20
Investigations: 20
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Pharmacy

Administrator: Cheryl A. Ruff
EMAIL Address: dbuchana@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/bop.htm>

POL Office: Medically Related Professions
Deputy Director: Adrienne R. Youmans

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11927

Columbia, SC 29211-1927
Telephone: (803) 896-4700 Fax: (803) 896-4596

Board Established: 1876
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-43-10, et seq. Regulation: 99-1, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: 3 Times Annually
License Renewal Date(s): April 30 - Licenses; June 30 - Permits
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board protects the health and safety of the public by: enforcing laws and regulations governing pharmacies; performing routine annual inspections of drug outlets and pharmacies; issuing licenses to pharmacists and permits to drug outlets and pharmacies; administering the national pharmacy examinations and the state law examination to qualified graduates of accredited pharmacy colleges; administering the reciprocity process to qualified pharmacists from other states; receiving and investigating complaints; holding administrative hearings against pharmacists and permit holders; and developing laws and regulations necessary in the regulation of the pharmacy profession.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PHARMACIST	5,087	228
PHARMACY OR DRUG OUTLET PERMIT	1,263	843

Total Licenses/Permits Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 7,421

Exams Passed: 178
Exams Failed: 16
Routine Inspections: 923
Complaints: 251
Investigations: 157
Board Hearings: 10
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 2

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

Administrator: Brenda M. Owens
EMAIL Address: owensb@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4655 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1952
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-45-5, et seq. Regulation: 101-10
Board Member Slots: 9 Board Meetings: Every Two Months
License Renewal Date(s): Dec. 31
Reciprocity Accepted: Endorsement Only

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board administers, coordinates and enforces regulations relating to physical therapy in S.C. This involves the registration of all physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The Board evaluates qualifications of applicants and investigates persons engaged in the practice of physical therapy in order to protect the public from unauthorized and unqualified practitioners.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1,715	361
PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT	712	124
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>2,912</u>

Exams Passed: 254
Exams Failed: 47
Complaints: 16
Investigations: 16
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Pilotage Commission

Administrator: Randy Bryant
EMAIL Address: bryantr@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Business and Related Services
Assistant Deputy Director: Randall L. Bryant

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 104
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4415 Fax: (803) 896-4484

Board Established: 1872
SC Code of Laws Section: 54-15-40, et seq. Regulation: 136-01, et seq.
Board Member Slots: 6 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): All licenses issued and renewed by the Commission - None through LLR
Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

No licenses are issued through the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The Commission licenses qualified harbor pilots for the Ports of Charleston, Port Royal, Georgetown and/or Little River. All applicants must be individually approved by the Commission majority before they are placed into the apprenticeship program for training and qualification for licensure by the Commission. The Commission investigates complaints against licensees and takes appropriate action when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
HARBOR PILOTS	14	2
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98:	<u>16</u>

Complaints: 2
Investigations: 1 - Conducted by Commission
3 - Incident Investigations Conducted by the Coast Guard
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Podiatry Examiners

Administrator: B.J. Washington
EMAIL Address: washingb@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4685 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1935
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-51-10, et seq. Regulation: 134-10
Board Member Slots: 5 Board Meetings: Semi-Annual
License Renewal Date(s): Dec. 31 Reciprocity Accepted: Yes

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Board issues licenses to qualified practitioners in podiatric medicine who have received proper training and education in the field. The Board investigates consumer complaints and provides discipline if necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PODIATRIST	115	15
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98: <u>130</u>	

Exams Passed: 1
Exams Failed: 6
Complaints: 9
Investigations: 9
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Psychology Examiners

Administrator: Patricia F. Glenn
EMAIL Address: glennp@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us>

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4664 Fax: (803) 896-4687

Board Established: 1968
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-55-20, et seq. Regulation: 100-10
Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: Every Other Month
License Renewal Date(s): Nov. 30 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board regulates practitioners of psychology, accepts applications and holds examinations for candidates to practice psychology in S.C. The Board has adopted a code of ethics governing licensed psychologists. The Board investigates complaints and provides discipline.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
PSYCHOLOGIST	443	30
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98: <u>473</u>	

Exams Passed: 35
Exams Failed: 2
Complaints: 11
Investigations: 11
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Pyrotechnic Safety

Administrator: Randy Halfacre
 EMAIL Address: halfacrer@zip.llr.sc.edu
 Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Design, Environmental and Building Services
 Assistant Deputy Director: T. Randall Halfacre

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 201
 Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
 Telephone: (803) 896-4420 Fax: (803) 896-4410

Board Established: 1979
 SC Code of Laws Section: 40-56-10, et seq. Regulation: 19-405
 Board Member Slots: 6 Board Meetings: Twice Annually
 License Renewal Date(s): July 15 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Pyrotechnic Safety assures compliance with state laws and regulations pertaining to the storage and sale of pyrotechnics (fireworks) within the state. Licenses are issued to qualified pyrotechnic wholesale distributors, wholesale storage facilities and jobbers of fireworks. Staff provides technical interpretations of the law, performs inspections, investigates complaints and provides assistance to local enforcement officials to assure that facilities which store and offer for sale pyrotechnic products meet state law.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES:</u>
WHOLESALE FIREWORKS DISTRIBUTOR	16	1
FIREWORKS JOBBER	7	0
WHOLESALE STORAGE (CLASS B)	3	0

Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories): 27

Exams Passed: N/A
 Exams Failed: N/A
 Routine Inspections: 98 - State-Licensed Facilities & Permitted Storage Area Inspections
 576 - Municipal/County Retail Facility Conformance Inspections
 Complaints: 41
 Investigations: 8
 Board Hearings: 0
 Licenses Revoked: 0
 Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Real Estate Appraisers

Administrator: Robert L. Selman
EMAIL Address: selmanr@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/reab.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Ste 201
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11847
Columbia, SC 29211-1847

Telephone: (803) 896-4440 Fax: (803) 896-4404

Board Established: 1991
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-60-10, et seq. Regulation: 137-100
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Quarterly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board: establishes qualifications for appraiser certification, licensure and registration; administers examinations; investigates complaints; provides discipline; and regulates all other matters pertaining to the conduct and activities of real estate appraisers.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
REGISTERED APPRAISER	113	36
LICENSED APPRAISER	290	6
CERTIFIED GENERAL APPRAISER	445	23
APPRAISAL APPRENTICE	258	154
CERTIFIED RESIDENTIAL APPRAISER	520	8
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>1,853</u>

Exams Passed: 55
Exams Failed: 24
Complaints: 56
Investigations: 42
Board Hearings: 4
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 1

Real Estate Commission

Administrator: Robert L. Selman
EMAIL Address: selmanr@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/rec.htm>

POL Office: Real Estate and Building Codes Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Robert L. Selman

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 201
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 11847
Columbia, SC 29211-1847
Telephone: (803) 896-4440 Fax: (803) 896-4404

Commission Established: 1956
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-57-5, et seq. Regulation: 105-1
Member Slots: 9 Board Meetings: Monthly
License Renewal Date(s): June 30 (Biennial)
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes - Education and Examination (NC, GA, W V, KY)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

As a regulatory office within the POL Division of LLR, the South Carolina Real Estate Commission establishes qualifications for licensure to practice real estate; ensures licensee compliance with the license law; disciplines licensees found in violation; and recommends legislation which protects the public without stifling innovation and growth within the real estate industry.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY (licenses are renewed biennially)*:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES:</u>
BROKER-IN-CHARGE	50
BROKER	81
SALESMAN	2,988
TIME SHARE SALESMAN	350
PROPERTY MANAGER-IN-CHARGE	71
PROPERTY MANAGER	161

Total Licenses In Effect 97-98 (All Categories): 13,136 *

Exams Passed:	2,628	Investigations:	380
Exams Failed:	1 649	Board Hearings:	14
Routine Inspections:	N/A	Licenses Revoked:	16
Complaints:	354	Licenses Suspended:	1

* All licenses are issued biennially. The total is inclusive of biennial licenses that were issued in the previous license year, but remain in effect during the 97-98 fiscal year.

Residential Builders Commission

Administrator: John T. Watkins
Internet Website: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/rbc.htm>

POL Office: Design, Environmental and Building Services
Assistant Deputy Director: T. Randall Halfacre

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 102
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329

Telephone: (803) 896-4696 Fax: (803) 896-4656

Board Established: 1974
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-59-10, et seq. Regulation: 106-10
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Monthly
License Renewal Date(s): July 1
Reciprocity Accepted: Yes - North Carolina

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Commission licenses all residential builders and registers all specialty contractors in residential construction doing business in the state. Additionally, the Commission receives and investigates complaints from home owners who are having problems with builders or specialty contractors.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
RESIDENTIAL BUILDER	6,389	1,066
SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR	8,083	2,497
HOME INSPECTOR	164	108
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>18,307</u>

Exams Passed: 525
Exams Failed: 465
Complaints: 1,392
Inspections: 4,176
Board Hearings: 212
Licenses Revoked: 32
Licenses Suspended: 56

Board of Social Work Examiners

Administrator: Patricia F. Glenn
EMAIL Address: glennp@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4665 Fax: (803) 896-4687

Board Established: 1968
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-63-10, et seq. Regulation: 110-10
Board Member Slots: 7 Board Meetings: Every Other Month
License Renewal Date(s): Dec. 31 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Board reviews applicant credentials and licenses social workers who practice in the state. The Board licenses four levels of social workers. The Board investigates complaints against licensees and disciplines licensees when it is determined to be necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
INDEPENDENT SOCIAL WORKER	621	48
MASTER SOCIAL WORKER	1,487	171
BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORKER	1,500	60
TEMPORARY SOCIAL WORKER	N/A	79
	Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):	<u>3,966</u>

Exams Passed: 183
Exams Failed: 38
Complaints: 19
Investigations: 19
Board Hearings: 1
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Administrator: B.J. Washington
EMAIL Address: washingb@zip.llr.sc.edu
Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329
Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4650 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1973
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-67-10, et seq. Regulation: 115-20
Board Member Slots: 5 Board Meetings: Every Two Months
License Renewal Date(s): March 31 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This Board's primary responsibility is to protect the public through the regulation of professionals who practice speech-language pathology or audiology. It investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST	858	136
AUDIOLOGIST	156	9
INTERN - SPEECH-LANG PATHOLOGIST	17	60
INTERN - AUDIOLOGIST	0	3
SPEECH ASSISTANT	1	2
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>1,242</u>

Complaints: 7
Investigations: 7
Board Hearings: 0
Licenses Revoked: 0
Licenses Suspended: 0

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Administrator: Alana T. Holmes
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Internet Website: http://www.llr.state.sc.us

POL Office: Health Related Professions
Assistant Deputy Director: Ruby B. McClain

Board Location: 110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Suite 306
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 11329

Columbia, SC 29211-1329
Telephone: (803) 896-4598 Fax: (803) 896-4719

Board Established: 1920
SC Code of Laws Section: 40-69-10, et seq. Regulation: 120-10
Board Member Slots: 8 Board Meetings: Twice Annually
License Renewal Date(s): Dec. 31 Reciprocity Accepted: No

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners aims to protect citizens by ensuring that only qualified and competent veterinary practitioners operate in S.C. The Board establishes requirements for practitioners and enforces those requirements. It investigates complaints and disciplines when necessary.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION 1997-1998

<u>LICENSE CATEGORY:</u>	<u>RENEWAL LICENSES ISSUED:</u>	<u>NEW LICENSES ISSUED:</u>
VETERINARIAN	994	24
ANIMAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN	94	4
Total Licenses Issued 97-98 (All Categories):		<u>1,116</u>

Exams Passed: 55
Exams Failed: 0
Complaints: 41
Investigations: 41
Board Hearings: 2
Licenses Revoked: 1 - (Voluntary Surrender)
Licenses Suspended: 1

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

The Legislative Liaison Office, which falls under the Office of the Director, handles all legislation, internally and externally, that affects LLR. The Legislative Liaison facilitates the submission of legislation to the General Assembly as well as tracks and monitors all legislation that affects the agency. Since LLR is a cabinet agency, the Legislative Liaison works closely with the Governor's office in the initial filing stages and throughout the session so as to have input from the Governor's office on all legislation affecting the departments within the agency.

The agency established a templating process for rewriting the licensing acts for LLR boards and commissions in 1996, Act 453, which was approved and passed by the General Assembly. Since that time, the agency has assisted several boards and commissions in rewriting their statutes. While the agency's input is limited to the structured format and content as it relates to administrative issues, it does not infringe upon the boards' autonomy and responsibility to regulate their respective fields.

The following is a list of practice acts and regulations introduced on behalf of the professional and occupational boards, as well as other related legislation that was introduced/monitored by LLR during the 1997-98 legislative session and the status of each:

Practice Acts that passed during this session:

S.130	Pharmacy Board Practice Act
S.271	Board of Architectural Examiners Practice Act
S.401	Contractor's Licensing Board Practice Act
S.472	Occupational Therapy Board Practice Act
S.489	Opticianry Board Practice Act
S.567	Cosmetology Board Practice Act
S.718	Psychology Board Practice Act; also includes S.951 School Psychologists and S.1128 LPC/LMFT/DAODAS Practice Act
S.583	Respiratory Care Practitioners Act
H.3330	Geology Board Practice Act
H.3563	Funeral Board Practice Act
H.3764	CPA Board Act (several changes to their practice)
H.3784	Physical Therapy Board Practice Act

Practice Acts filed but not passed:

S.345	Forestry Board Practice Act
S.468	Barrier Free Design Bill
S.1027	Engineers & Land Surveyors Practice Act
S.1064	Podiatry Board Practice Act
H.4546	Athletic Commission Practice Act
H.4681	Auctioneers Practice Act
H.4690	Environmental Certification Board Practice Act

Regulations that passed this session:

R.2282	Building Codes Council Registration Regulations	Effective 6/28/98
R.2283	Building Codes Council Powers Regulations	Effective 6/28/98
R.2274	Engineers and Land Surveyor Regulations	Effective 6/28/98
R.2277	Manufactured Housing Board Regulations (Clean-up)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2203	Dental Board Regulations (CE Hours)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2278	Pilotage Commission Regulations	Effective 6/28/98

R.2273	Athletic Commission Regulations (Clean-up)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2242	Long Term Health Care Board Regulations (term change)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2272	Medical Board Regulations (clean-up)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2270	Speech Board Regulations (conforming to new Practice Act)	Effective 6/28/98
R.2284	Massage Therapy Regulations	Effective 7/24/98

Regulations filed but not passed:

R.2275	Real Estate Commission Regulations
R.2265	Fire Marshal Regulations

Miscellaneous bills that passed this session:

S.534	Child Labor Bill
S.893	Assistive Technology Bill
S.936	Mortuary Science College Bill
S.981	Long Term Health Care Administrator Bill
H.4358	LPN School and Home Health Care Bill
H.4438	Building Codes Membership Bill
H.4469	Pilotage Commission Bill
H.4876	Cremation Bill
H.975	Fire Apparatus Bill (Following too closely to fire trucks)

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The function of the Office of Public Information is to keep the public aware of LLR's programs, activities and services. In addition to answering questions from the media and the general public on every aspect of the agency, this office publishes and distributes the agency's posters, booklets, newsletters and other publications.

In response to requests from workers, licensees, members of the fire service, the public and businesses, the Office of Public Information provides copies of various agency publications. The office also fulfills the department's obligations under the state's Freedom of Information Act by providing information from the agency's files in response to requests from the news media, businesses, workers and other interested persons. The Office of Public Information also is responsible for publication of the agency's Annual Report, administration of the Safety Achievement Awards Program and management of the S.C. OSHA Subscription Service.

POSTERS

Division of Labor

SCLLR-1	Labor Law Abstract (required of all employers)
SCLLR-5 SH-94	Occupational Safety and Health (required of all employers)
SCLLR-5	Occupational Safety and Health (Spanish version)

S.C. Workers' Compensation Commission

NOTICE subject	"Workers' Compensation Works for You" (must be posted by all employers to Workers' Compensation laws)
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S.C. Employment Security Commission

UCI-104	"Workers Pay No Part of the Cost for Job Insurance" (required of all employers)
UCI-105	"If You Become Unemployed" (required of all employers)

FORMS

OSHA Form 200 - Log and Summary of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
OSHA Form 101 - Supplementary Record of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
Elevator Registration Forms

PUBLICATIONS

S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Annual Report
S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Directory of Programs
S.C. Labor Laws
S.C. Occupational Safety and Health Standards Additions for General Industry and Construction
Occupational Safety and Health Program Directives
S.C. OSHA Information Memoranda
S.C. OSHAGRAM
S.C. Occupational Injury and Illness Survey
S.C. Elevator and Amusement Ride Codes and Regulations
Occupational Health and Safety Review Board Rules of Procedure
Employee/Employer Rights and Responsibilities Under South Carolina and Federal Law
Understanding S.C. OSHA

Additional publications from the Division of Fire and Life Safety and the Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing, including brochures and newsletters, are available. For more information, call (803) 896-4380.

**S.C. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
LICENSING AND REGULATION
1997-98 FISCAL YEAR EXPENDITURES**

	Fiscal Year 1996-97	Fiscal Year 1997-1998
Division of Labor	4,588,110	4,593,317
Division of Fire and Life Safety	4,593,669	4,557,422
Division of Professional and Occupational Licensing	10,159,245	11,336,085
Division of Administration	2,657,742	2,937,188
<u>Employer Contributions</u>	<u>3,184,293</u>	<u>3,310,694</u>
Total Labor, Licensing and Regulation	25,183,059	26,734,706