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## **Joint Resolution Authorizes Comptroller to Pay State Expenses Pending Adoption of Budget**

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Columbia, S.C. – Governor Nikki Haley has signed into law a Joint Resolution (R.328) providing state Comptroller Richard Eckstrom continuing authority to pay the expenses of state government until a FY 2012-13 Appropriations Act becomes law. The Joint Resolution clears the way for the state to pay state employees, as scheduled, on July 2 for the first payroll of FY 2012-13.

The Comptroller announced that the Joint Resolution grants him authority to approve payment of the FY 2012-13 recurring expenses of state government at levels appropriated for FY 2011-12. Once the FY 2012-13 General Appropriations Act becomes law, which is expected to authorize employee pay raises, the raises will be paid retroactively to July 1, 2012, in the next payroll after the Act becomes law.

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