**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A220, R260, H4672**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Elliott, B. Newton, Allison, Felder, Bryant, Putnam, Martin, Arrington, Thigpen, Gagnon, Thayer, Douglas, Govan, Anderson, McGinnis, Huggins, Tallon, Daning, D.C. Moss, Long, Henderson, Mace, Cogswell, West, Chumley, Gilliard, Atwater, J.E. Smith, Bernstein, Jefferson, Williams, W. Newton, Henderson‑Myers, Ballentine, Bowers, Weeks and M. Rivers

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Last Amended on April 25, 2018

Passed by the General Assembly on May 1, 2018

Governor's Action: May 18, 2018, Signed

Summary: Driver's licenses, vision screening requirements

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/24/2018 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20180124.docx))

1/24/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20180124.docx))

1/24/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Putnam, Martin, Arrington, Thigpen, Gagnon, Thayer, Douglas, Govan

1/30/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: D.C.Moss, Anderson, McGinnis

1/31/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huggins

2/1/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Tallon

2/6/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Daning, Long, Henderson, Mace, Cogswell, West, Chumley, Gilliard, Atwater, J.E.Smith, Bernstein

2/7/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Jefferson, Williams

2/8/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton

2/14/2018 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\hj\20180214.docx))

2/15/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson‑Myers, Ballentine

2/20/2018 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). King, Hart, Yow, Rutherford, Ott, Taylor, Crosby, Hosey, Kirby, Anderson, Elliott, Clyburn, Crawford, Willis, Knight, West ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20180220.docx))

2/21/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers, Weeks

2/27/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.Rivers

2/27/2018 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20180227.docx))

2/27/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\hj\20180227.docx))

2/27/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑109 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\hj\20180227.docx))

2/28/2018 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

4/18/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20180418.docx))

4/25/2018 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

4/25/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

4/25/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

4/26/2018 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\sj\20180426.docx))

5/1/2018 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 51](file:///h:\hj\20180501.docx))

5/1/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑8 ([House Journal‑page 52](file:///h:\hj\20180501.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 260

5/18/2018 Signed By Governor

5/25/2018 Effective date 05/18/18

5/31/2018 Act No. 220

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(A220, R260, H4672)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑220, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE VISION SCREENING REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE VISION SCREENING IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN AN INITIAL LICENSE AND UPON RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE VISION SCREENING MUST BE OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON’S SCREENING MUST BE WAIVED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF VISION EXAMINATION FORM MUST BE EXECUTED BY THE CERTIFYING OPHTHALMOLOGIST OR OPTOMETRIST AND TRANSMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Vision screening**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑1‑220(A) and (B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) The department shall require vision screening for all persons obtaining an initial license and upon license renewal. The vision screening must be offered by the department, however, a person’s screening must be waived upon the submission of a certificate of vision examination dated within the previous twelve months from an ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in any state.

(B) The renewal license forms distributed by the department must be designed to contain a certification that the vision of the person screened meets the minimum standards required by the department or have been corrected to meet these requirements. The certification must be executed by the person conducting the screening. A Certificate of Vision Examination form must be executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist and must be transmitted to the department electronically pursuant to its electronic specifications. The minimum standards of the department shall not require a greater degree of vision than 20/40 corrected in one eye. Persons using bioptic lenses must adhere to the provisions contained in Section 56‑1‑222.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2020.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 18th day of May, 2018.

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