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## Meeting Notice

**To:** Senators Climer (ch.), Verdin, McElveen, Bennett, and Bright- Matthews  
**From:** Senator Larry Grooms, Chairman  
**Date:** January 4, 2022  
**Re:** Subcommittee Meeting

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A Senate Transportation subcommittee will meet on **Wednesday, January 12 at 11:00 a.m.** in Room 207 of the Gressette Building.

Requests to testify, as well as written comments should be sent to [davidowens@scsenate.gov](mailto:davidowens@scsenate.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11.

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## Agenda

**S. 248** -- Senators Young, Hembree, and Turner: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE ACT"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3890 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-720 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL NOTIFY MOTORISTS OF THE HANDS-FREE REQUIREMENTS AT CERTAIN POINTS ALONG THE STATE'S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.