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## Meeting Notice

**To:** All Committee members and interested parties  
**From:** Senator Larry Grooms, Chairman  
**Date:** April 9, 2026  
**Re:** Full Committee Meeting

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The Senate Transportation Committee will meet on **Wednesday, April 15 at 11:00 a.m.** in room 308 of the Gressette Building.

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## Agenda

**S. 869 – Senators Climer, Peeler, Blackmon, Jackson and Stubbs:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-780, RELATING TO PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AND FEES FOR VEHICLES OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO CREATE A PERMANENT LICENSE PLATE FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

**S. 904 -- Senators Young and Campsen:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16510 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE PLATES TO MEMBERS OF THE "QUAIL FOREVER" ORGANIZATION.

**S. XXXX -- Senator Bennett:** "Blackout" license plates.\*

**H. 5131 – Rep. Hartnett, M.M. Smith, and Henderson-Myers:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-780, RELATING TO PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES AND FEES FOR VEHICLES OF STATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, SO AS TO CREATE A PERMANENT LICENSE PLATE FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS LOCATED IN THE STATE.

**S. 1076 -- Senators Blackmon, Verdin, and Grooms:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-31-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RENTER OF A RENTAL VEHICLE MAY AGREE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING THE RENTAL VEHICLE THE RENTER'S AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY WILL PAY UP TO ITS LIMITS OF LIABILITY BEFORE THE RENTAL COMPANY MUST PAY.

**H. 4249 – Rep. Erickson:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO THE DEFINITIONS OF EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, PROVIDE DRIVERS SHALL ENSURE THEIR VEHICLES ARE KEPT UNDER CONTROL WHEN APPROACHING OR PASSING OTHER MOTOR VEHICLES STOPPED ON OR NEAR THE RIGHT OF WAY OF STREETS OR HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS DRIVING VEHICLES APPROACHING OTHER STATIONARY VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD LIGHTS SHALL REDUCE THEIR SPEED, YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY, AND MAINTAIN SAFE SPEEDS WHEN CHANGING LANES IS UNSAFE, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

**S. 872 – Senator Goldfinch:** A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPLICANTS TO PROVIDE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A CITIZEN, THEN THE DRIVER'S LICENSE MUST CONTAIN A "NC" DESIGNATION INDICATING THAT THE LICENSEE IS A NON-US CITIZEN;  
... (abbreviated title)

\*Pending Introduction

\*\* Agenda subject to change. Contact David Owens. 803-212-6402