

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

S*0222 (Rat #0133, Act #0164 of 2026) General Bill, By Ott and Stubbs

Similar (H 3158, H 3293)

Summary: Utility terrain vehicle

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "UTILITY TERRAIN VEHICLE (UTV)" AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF UTV'S ON THE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS OF THE STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "OFF-ROAD USE ONLY"; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE" TO INCLUDE CERTAIN UTV'S; BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-5140 SO AS TO PROVIDE FARMERS HOLDING SCATE CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES MAY OPERATE CERTAIN UTV'S WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-630, RELATING TO PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO CLASSIFY UTV'S AS PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-2-90, RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MINOR PASSENGERS FROM WEARING SAFETY BELTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS DURING CERTAIN ATHLETIC EVENTS. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/15/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/15/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 10)
03/04/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Transportation (Senate Journal-page 29)
04/16/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/16/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/16/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)
04/29/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 26)
05/05/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/05/26	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/05/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-30 Nays-14 (Senate Journal-page 17)
05/06/26	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 26)
05/06/26	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 26)
05/06/26	House	Recalled from Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 49)
05/07/26	House	Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 36)
05/07/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/12/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 89)
05/12/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 89)
05/12/26	House	Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-3 (House Journal-page 90)
05/13/26	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 23)
05/13/26	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 21)
05/13/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-26 Nays-18 (Senate Journal-page 21)
05/14/26		Ratified R 133
05/18/26		Signed By Governor
06/05/26		Effective date 11/18/26
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