

## Session 124 - (2021-2022)

**S 0248 General Bill, By Young, Hembree, Turner, McElveen, Bennett, Massey, Rankin, M. Johnson, Shealy and Jackson**

***Similar (H 3360, H 3677)***

**Summary:** SC Hands-free Act

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.

12/09/20	Senate	Prefiled
12/09/20	Senate	Referred to Committee on Transportation
01/12/21	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 234)
01/12/21	Senate	Referred to Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 234)
01/25/22	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Transportation (Senate Journal-page 8)
01/26/22		Scrivener's error corrected
02/22/22	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/22/22	Senate	Special order, set for February 22, 2022 (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/22/22	Senate	Roll call Ayes-32 Nays-9 (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/23/22		Scrivener's error corrected
02/23/22	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 17)
02/23/22	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 17)
02/23/22	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-3 (Senate Journal-page 17)
02/24/22	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 20)
02/24/22		Scrivener's error corrected
03/01/22	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 7)
03/01/22	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 7)