

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**H 3276 General Bill, By Pope, Robbins, Chapman, W. Newton, Taylor, Forrest, McGinnis, Calhoon, Bernstein, Wooten, Hart, Erickson, Bradley, Ligon, Anderson, Schuessler, Hixon, M.M. Smith and Hartnett**

***Similar (S 0090, H 3536, H 3806)***

**Summary:** SC Hands-Free Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HANDS-FREE AND DISTRACTED DRIVING ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-3890, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH IT IS UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICE, TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING AND PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL REVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-720, RELATING TO POINTS THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST A PERSON'S DRIVING RECORD FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IS A TWO-POINT VIOLATION.

<b>12/05/24</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/05/24</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/14/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 152)</b>
<b>01/14/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 152)</b>
<b>01/29/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: McGinnis</b>
<b>02/11/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Calhoon</b>
<b>02/13/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein</b>
<b>02/18/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Wooten</b>
<b>03/20/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 9)</b>
<b>03/25/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Bradley</b>
<b>03/25/25</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned until Thur., 3-27-25 (House Journal-page 27)</b>
<b>03/26/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ligon</b>
<b>03/27/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard, Anderson, Rivers, Schuessler</b>
<b>03/27/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Henderson-Myers</b>
<b>03/27/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Requests for debate-Rep(s). King, Long, Gibson, Frank, Edgerton, Magnuson, Kilmartin, White, Terribile, Chumley, Cromer, Gilreath, Huff, Williams, McDaniel, Grant, Garvin, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Rose, Kirby, Hosey, Taylor (House Journal-page 26)</b>
<b>03/27/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 35)</b>
<b>03/27/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Debate adjourned (House Journal-page 35)</b>
<b>04/01/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon</b>
<b>04/03/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Gilliard, Rivers</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hartnett</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 65)</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 65)</b>
<b>04/09/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-85 Nays-25 (House Journal-page 65)</b>
<b>04/10/25</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 44)</b>
<b>04/15/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 13)</b>
<b>04/15/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 13)</b>
<b>04/16/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Transportation (Senate Journal-page 22)</b>
<b>04/29/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Special order, set for April 29, 2025 (Senate Journal-page 51)</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time</b>
<b>04/30/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-40 Nays-0</b>