

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H*3856 (Rat #0123, Act #0115 of 2026) General Bill, By Erickson

Summary: Department of Motor Vehicles

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "BLOOD TYPE" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INFORMATION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-3350, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND VETERAN DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVERS' LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION THAT MUST BE SUBMITTED ON APPLICATIONS FOR A PERSON'S BLOOD TYPE TO APPEAR ON A SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARD, AND TO PROVIDE A CAUSE OF ACTION BASED ON INACCURATE INFORMATION CONTAINED ON IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR DRIVERS' RECORDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "RENTAL TRAILER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-785, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF PERMANENT LICENSE PLATES TO CERTAIN OWNERS OF TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES TO OWNERS OF RENTAL TRAILERS, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-2320, RELATING TO DEALER AND WHOLESALER LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO REVISE THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES THAT MUST BE MADE BEFORE DEALER PLATES MAY BE ISSUED; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-15-560, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR WHOLESALE MOTOR VEHICLE AUCTION LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE LICENSES AND INCREASE THE LICENSE FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BUS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-23-85, RELATING TO DRIVER INSTRUCTOR PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE EXPIRATION DATES FOR THE PERMITS AND PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-30, RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POINTS SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING PERFORMANCE RECORDS OF DEALERS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE CERTAIN CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS AND ADD ADDITIONAL CONDUCT THAT RESULTS IN POINT VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-37-70, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY NOTIFY CERTAIN PERSONS BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR ELECTRONIC TRACKING; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1010, RELATING TO TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CORPORATE-OWNED FLEET MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FLEET"; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-40, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT BE LICENSED OR HAVE THEIR LICENSES RENEWED, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS, TO ESTABLISH THE MAXIMUM PERIOD DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS ARE VALID, TO PROVIDE A FEE FOR IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES CERTAIN DISCRETION WHEN GRANTING EXTENSIONS TO DRIVERS' LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-210, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PERIOD THE LICENSE PLATES ARE VALID; BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-2585 RELATING TO EXEMPTING PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS FROM PAYING PARKING METER FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-10, RELATING TO PROTECTION OF TITLES TO AND INTERESTS IN MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-265, RELATING TO LIENS OR ENCUMBRANCES RECORDED ON MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOBILE HOMES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN ENTITIES TO UTILIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S ELECTRONIC TITLE SYSTEM, AND TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURES TO TRANSFER VEHICLE OWNERSHIP, APPLY FOR AND THE RELEASE OF LIENS, AND PERFORM OTHER ACTIVITIES NECESSARY TO TITLE CERTAIN VEHICLES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-19-370, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR THE VOLUNTARY TRANSFER OF CERTAIN VEHICLES BY DEALERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW THE PROSECUTION OF DEALERS FOR IMPROPERLY TITLING OR REGISTERING VEHICLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-680, RELATING TO THE SATISFACTION OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN VEHICLES FOR WHICH CERTIFICATES OF TITLES ARE IN THE POSSESSION OF LIENHOLDERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES WHEREBY LIENHOLDERS' INTERESTS ARE RELEASED, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE FAILURE OF LIENHOLDERS TO FORWARD CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF TITLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES. - RATIFIED TITLE

01/30/25 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 41)

01/30/25 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 41)

04/02/25 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 2)

04/04/25 Scrivener's error corrected

04/08/25	House	Amended (House Journal-page 10)
04/08/25	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 10)
04/08/25	House	Roll call Yeas-97 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 13)
04/09/25	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 19)
04/09/25	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)
04/09/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Transportation (Senate Journal-page 4)
04/09/25		Scrivener's error corrected
04/30/25		Scrivener's error corrected
03/19/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Transportation (Senate Journal-page 7)
03/26/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 29)
03/26/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 29)
03/26/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 29)
03/26/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-37 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 29)
03/31/26	Senate	Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 23)
04/01/26	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 28)
04/01/26	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 29)
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