

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H*4591 (Rat #0251, Act #0237 of 2026) General Bill, By Guffey, Pope, Oremus, Martin, Schuessler, Sessions, T. Moore, Chapman, Lawson, Brewer, Ford, Pedalino, Ligon, Robbins, Terribile, Huff, Govan, Wickensimer, Lastinger, W. Newton, Hewitt, Calhoon and Gibson

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Summary: Stop Harm from Addictive Social Media

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "STOP HARM FROM ADDICTIVE SOCIAL MEDIA (SHASM) ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO REQUIRE COVERED SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TO USE REASONABLE MEANS TO ESTIMATE THE AGE OF CERTAIN ACCOUNT HOLDERS, TO VERIFY THE AGE OF CERTAIN ACCOUNT HOLDERS, TO CREATE DEFAULT ACCOUNT SETTINGS FOR CERTAIN USERS, AND TO CREATE CERTAIN PARENTAL CONSENTS. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/16/25 House Prefiled

12/16/25 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary

01/13/26 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 31)

01/13/26 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 31)

01/21/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Schuessler, Sessions

01/22/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: T.Moore, Chapman, Lawson, Brewer, Ford, Pedalino, Ligon, Robbins

01/28/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Terribile, Huff

02/05/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Govan, Wickensimer

03/25/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Lastinger

03/26/26 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (House Journal-page 5)

03/31/26 Scrivener's error corrected

03/31/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton, Hewitt, Calhoon, Gibson

03/31/26 House Amended (House Journal-page 269)

03/31/26 House Read second time (House Journal-page 269)

03/31/26 House Roll call Yeas-114 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 274)

04/01/26 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 17)

04/01/26 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 18)

04/01/26 Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 18)

05/12/26 Senate Recalled from Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry (Senate Journal-page 3)

05/13/26 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 67)

05/13/26 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal-page 67)

05/14/26 Scrivener's error corrected

05/14/26 Senate Amended (Senate Journal-page 104)

05/14/26 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 104)

05/14/26 Senate Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 104)

05/14/26 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 58)

05/14/26 House Roll call Yeas-115 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 59)

05/15/26 Ratified R 251

05/19/26 Signed By Governor

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