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H 4610 General Bill, By J. Moore, Oremus, M.M. Smith, Davis, Robbins, Pope, Bustos, Landing, Teeple, Hartnett, Sessions, B. Newton, Wickensimer, Wetmore, Bradley, Reese, B.L. Cox, Stavrinakis, Gatch, J.L. Johnson, Rutherford, Hosey, Gilliard, Grant, Hart, Crawford, Guest, McGinnis, Hardee, Holman, Bamberg, Willis, Burns and Chumley

Summary: American Sign Language Symbol Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STATE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE SYMBOL ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-687 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE "I LOVE YOU" (ILY) HAND GESTURE AS THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE SYMBOL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 29 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES SHALL INCORPORATE THE "I LOVE YOU" GESTURE AS APPROPRIATE.

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