

## Session 120 - (2013-2014)

**S\*0459 (Rat #0270, Act #0260 of 2014) General Bill, By Sheheen, Rankin, Alexander and Lourie**

**Similar (S 0880)**

**Summary:** Use of cellphone while operating a motor vehicle

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3890 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS RELATED TO THE USE AND OPERATION OF A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO USE A WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE TO COMPOSE, SEND, OR READ A TEXT-BASED COMMUNICATION WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS PROHIBITION, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION, TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MUST NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE OFFENDER'S MOTOR VEHICLE RECORD OR REPORTED TO HIS MOTOR VEHICLE INSURER, TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SHALL ISSUE ONLY WARNINGS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION DURING THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS AFTER ITS EFFECTIVE DATE, TO PLACE CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO ENFORCE THIS SECTION, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO MAINTAIN STATISTICAL INFORMATION REGARDING CITATIONS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION PREEMPTS ALL ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES REGARDING PERSONS USING WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS OF THIS STATE. - ratified title

02/28/13	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 4)
02/28/13	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 4)
03/08/13	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Massey (ch), Coleman, Nicholson, Bennett, Shealy
01/14/14	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Massey (ch), Coleman, Bennett, Johnson, Shealy
02/26/14	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 14)
02/27/14		Scrivener's error corrected
03/06/14	Senate	Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/06/14	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/06/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-1 (Senate Journal-page 18)
03/07/14		Scrivener's error corrected
03/26/14	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 44)
04/09/14	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 36)
04/09/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-38 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 36)
04/10/14	House	Introduced and read first time
04/10/14	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
05/14/14	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 7)
05/20/14	House	Amended (House Journal-page 61)
05/20/14	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 61)
05/20/14	House	Roll call Yeas-99 Nays-6 (House Journal-page 63)
05/21/14	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 8)
05/28/14	Senate	Non-concurrence in House amendment (Senate Journal-page 101)
05/29/14	House	House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Owens, Daning, Branham
05/29/14	Senate	Conference committee appointed Rankin, Sheheen, Massey (Senate Journal-page 95)
06/04/14	House	Conference report adopted
06/04/14	House	Roll call Yeas-94 Nays-2
06/04/14	Senate	Conference report adopted (Senate Journal-page 81)
06/04/14	Senate	Roll call Ayes-42 Nays-2 (Senate Journal-page 81)
06/04/14	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification (Senate Journal-page 86)
06/05/14		Ratified R 270
06/09/14		Signed By Governor
06/13/14		Effective date 06/09/14
06/26/14		Act No. 260