

## 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**