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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, Chumley, Bowers and Guffey

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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03/26/26	**House**	**Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 8)**
03/31/26	**House**	**Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bowers, Guffey**
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03/31/26	**House**	**Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 295)**
04/01/26	**House**	**Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 19)**
04/01/26	**Senate**	**Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 18)**
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