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Summary: Sickle Cell Day

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/15/2016 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

1/10/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 108](file:///h:\hj\20170110.docx))

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2/8/2018 House Recalled from Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20180208.docx))

2/13/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Anderson, Brown, Pendarvis, Gilliard

2/13/2018 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Allison, B. Newton, Bryant, Felder, Taylor, Magnuson, Hiott, Loftis, Trantham, Cogswell, Daning, Toole, West, Yow, Martin, Atwater ([House Journal‑page 18](file:///h:\hj\20180213.docx))

2/14/2018 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 2‑21‑18 ([House Journal‑page 51](file:///h:\hj\20180214.docx))

2/21/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Weeks

2/27/2018 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Henderson‑Myers

2/27/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\hj\20180227.docx))

2/27/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑106 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\hj\20180227.docx))

2/28/2018 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\hj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

2/28/2018 Senate Referred to Committee on **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20180228.docx))

4/16/2018 Scrivener's error corrected

4/25/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **General** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20180425.docx))

5/1/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\sj\20180501.docx))

5/1/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\sj\20180501.docx))

5/8/2018 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\sj\20180508.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 236

5/17/2018 Signed By Governor

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(A237, R236, H3195)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 53‑3‑85, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE OF EACH YEAR AS “JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM DAY”, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT ALSO IS RECOGNIZED AS “SICKLE CELL DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA” IN COMMEMORATION OF “WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY”.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Sickle Cell Day, June nineteenth**

SECTION 1. Section 53‑3‑85 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 53‑3‑85. (A) The nineteenth day of June of each year is designated as ‘Juneteenth Celebration of Freedom Day’ to commemorate and reflect on the freedom of African Americans and their contributions to this State and nation.

(B) In addition to the provisions of subsection (A), the nineteenth day of June of each year also is recognized as ‘Sickle Cell Day in South Carolina’ in commemoration of ‘World Sickle Cell Day’ as created by the United Nations by resolution. The African Union (2005), the UNESCO (2005), the WHO (2006), and the United Nations (2008) recognize sickle cell disease as a public health priority with an estimated five hundred thousand persons born each year with the disease. The nineteenth day of June has been chosen to raise awareness of the genetic disease and support and encourage research, treatment, and management of sickle cell disease.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2018.

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