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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 14, 2018

**H. 4672**

Introduced by Reps. Elliott, B. Newton, Allison, Felder, Bryant, Putnam, Martin, Arrington, Thigpen, Gagnon, Thayer, Douglas, Govan, Anderson, McGinnis, Huggins, Tallon, Daning, D.C. Moss, Long, Henderson, Mace, Cogswell, West, Chumley, Gilliard, Atwater, J.E. Smith, Bernstein, Jefferson, Williams and W. Newton

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Read the first time January 24, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4672) to amend Section 56‑1‑220, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to vision screening required for issuance of a driver’s license, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 56-1-220(A), as continued in SECTION 1, page 1 by striking SECTION 56-1-220(A) and inserting:

\ (A) The department shall require vision screening for all persons obtaining an initial license and upon license renewal after October 1, 2019. The vision screening may be waived upon the submission of a certificate of vision examination dated within the previous twelve months from an ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in any state. \

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

MERITA A. ALLISON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill requires a vision screening for all individuals upon renewal of their driver’s license. The vision screening may be waived if a Certificate of Vision Examination form is received and is executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist within the previous twelve months.

The expenditure impact of this bill on the general fund, other funds, and federal funds is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑220, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VISION SCREENING REQUIRED FOR ISSUANCE OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT VISION SCREENING IS REQUIRED UPON RENEWAL OF A LICENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFICATE OF VISION EXAMINATION FORM MUST BE EXECUTED BY THE CERTIFYING OPHTHALMOLOGIST OR OPTOMETRIST.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑1‑220(A) and (B) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 6 of 2017, is further amended to read:

“(A) The department shall require vision screening for all persons obtaining an initial license and upon license renewal. The vision screening may be waived upon the submission of a certificate of vision examination dated within the previous twelve months from an ophthalmologist or optometrist licensed in any state.

(B) The renewal license forms distributed by the department must be designed to contain a certification that the vision of the person screened meets the minimum standards required by the department or have been corrected to meet these requirements ~~if a screening is required~~. The certification must be executed by the person conducting the screening. A Certificate of Vision Examination form must be executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist. The minimum standards of the department shall not require a greater degree of vision than 20/40 corrected in one eye. Persons using bioptic lenses must adhere to the provisions contained in Section 56‑1‑222.”

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

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