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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 18, 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, W. Newton, Henderson‑Myers, Ballentine, Bowers, Weeks and M. Rivers

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Read the first time February 28, 2018.

**THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

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, 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, page 1, by striking lines 39 through 41 and inserting:

/person conducting the screening. A Certificate of Vision Examination form must be executed by the certifying ophthalmologist or optometrist and must be transmitted to the department electronically pursuant to its electronic specifications. The minimum standards of the /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 in its entirety and inserting:

/SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2020. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

LAWRENCE K. GROOMS for Committee.

**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 is 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~~ must be offered by the department, however, a person’s screening must 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, except that the amendments to Section 56‑1‑220 contained within this act do not apply to any person who submitted documentation to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a REAL ID before the Governor’s approval. However, this exception does not extend beyond the initial issuance of the person’s REAL ID.

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