**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A125, R127, H3357**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Wooten, Collins, Brawley, Huggins, Taylor, Hixon and Gilliard

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Companion/Similar bill(s): 294, 4391

Introduced in the House on January 8, 2019

Introduced in the Senate on March 20, 2019

Last Amended on February 5, 2020

Passed by the General Assembly on February 5, 2020

Governor's Action: March 24, 2020, Signed

Summary: Vehicle registration, private passenger-carrying vehicle

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

12/18/2018 House Prefiled

12/18/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

1/8/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 209](file:///h:\hj\20190108.docx))

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1/23/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Collins

2/13/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Brawley

2/19/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Huggins

2/21/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Taylor

3/6/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon

3/7/2019 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 47](file:///h:\hj\20190307.docx))

3/19/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Gilliard

3/19/2019 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\hj\20190319.docx))

3/19/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\hj\20190319.docx))

3/19/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑83 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\hj\20190319.docx))

3/20/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\hj\20190320.docx))

3/20/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20190320.docx))

3/20/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20190320.docx))

4/24/2019 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20190424.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/7/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑45 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\sj\20190507.docx))

5/8/2019 Scrivener's error corrected

5/8/2019 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 59](file:///h:\sj\20190508.docx))

5/9/2019 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑0 Nays‑109 ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20190509.docx))

5/9/2019 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Campbell, Johnson, Climer ([Senate Journal‑page 49](file:///h:\sj\20190509.docx))

1/22/2020 House Conference committee appointed Wooten, Long, Brawley ([House Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\hj\20200122.docx))

2/5/2020 House Conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20200205.docx))

2/5/2020 House Roll call Yeas‑110 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\hj\20200205.docx))

2/5/2020 Senate Conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 51](file:///h:\sj\20200205.docx))

2/5/2020 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 51](file:///h:\sj\20200205.docx))

2/6/2020 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj\20200206.docx))

3/19/2020 Ratified R 127

3/24/2020 Signed By Governor

3/26/2020 Effective date 03/24/21

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(A125, R127, H3357)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑3‑115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ADD A NOTATION TO A PRIVATE PASSENGER‑CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TO INDICATE THE VEHICLE OWNER MAY BE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING.**

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

**Deaf or hard of hearing notation added to a motor vehicle registration**

SECTION 1. Article 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑3‑115. The Department of Motor Vehicles may add a notation to a private passenger‑carrying motor vehicle registration to indicate that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing. The application for this special motor vehicle registration notation must include an original certificate from a licensed physician, as defined in Section 40‑47‑5, or licensed audiologist, as defined in Section 40‑67‑220, that certifies that the applicant has a permanent, uncorrectable hearing loss of forty decibels or more in one or both ears. The ‘deaf or hard of hearing’ notation would only appear when a law enforcement check is run on the vehicle’s license plate through the department’s online interface with law enforcement to alert the officer that the driver may be deaf or hard of hearing.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one year after approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 19th day of March, 2020.

Approved the 24th day of March, 2020.

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