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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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4/11/2019 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20190411.docx))

4/11/2019 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 76](file:///h:\hj\20190411.docx))

1/15/2020 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\hj\20200115.docx))

1/16/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow

1/21/2020 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s).  GM Smith, Daning, Clyburn, Bailey, Hewitt, Willis, Hardee, Bamberg, Rose, Hayes, Atkinson, Weeks, R Williams, Hart, Hosey ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20200121.docx))

3/4/2020 House Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: B.Newton

3/4/2020 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Ridgeway, Martin, B.Newton

3/4/2020 House Requests for debate removed‑Rep(s).  Willis, GM Smith, Daning, Hardee, Hosey, Hayes, Atkinson, Hewitt, R Williams, Weeks, Bamberg, Hart ([House Journal‑page 34](file:///h:\hj\20200304.docx))

3/5/2020 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\hj\20200305.docx))

3/5/2020 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\hj\20200305.docx))

3/5/2020 House Roll call Yeas‑103 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\hj\20200305.docx))

3/5/2020 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\hj\20200305.docx))

3/6/2020 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 1](file:///h:\hj\20200306.docx))

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3/10/2020 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20200310.docx))

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AMENDED

March 5, 2020

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Read the first time April 11, 2019.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1538, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE APPROACHING AN EMERGENCY SCENE OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE, THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS SECTION, AND CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1539 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN TERMS, REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE APPROACHING A TRAFFIC INCIDENT SCENE, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1535, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER AND PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS OFFENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS “HIGHWAY WORK ZONE” AND “HIGHWAY WORKER”; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1537 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PROVIDE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING TO A DRIVER OF A WRECKER OR TOWING SERVICE VEHICLE FREE OF CHARGE.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑1538(I) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(I) For purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Authorized emergency vehicle’ means any ambulance, police, fire, rescue, recovery, or towing vehicle authorized by this State, county, or municipality to respond to a traffic incident.

(2) ‘Emergency services personnel’ means fire, police, ~~or~~ emergency medical services personnel (EMS), or tow truck operators responding to an emergency incident.”

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

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