

Session 122 - (2017-2018)

H 3615 General Bill, By Herbkersman, W. Newton, Duckworth, G.R. Smith, Williams, Jefferson, Bernstein, Thayer, Elliott, Felder, Whipper and Brown

Summary: Dylan Paul Mitchell Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "DYLAN PAUL MITCHELL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3520 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BICYCLISTS OPERATING BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL STATUTORY PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BICYCLISTS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-990, RELATING TO CERTAIN PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION ALSO APPLIES TO PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS THAT EXHIBIT THE SYMBOLS FOR "WALK" OR "WAIT", AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS EQUIPPED WITH COUNTDOWN INDICATORS, A PEDESTRIAN MAY CROSS IF HE CAN COMPLETE THE CROSSING DURING THE REMAINING TIME; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3130, RELATING TO A PEDESTRIAN'S RIGHT OF WAY IN A CROSSWALK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL STOP TO YIELD TO A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING A ROADWAY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3230, RELATING TO A DRIVER'S DUTY TO EXERCISE DUE CARE WHEN OPERATING A VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO A DRIVER'S DUTY TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH A VULNERABLE ROAD USER, TO DEFINE THE TERM "VULNERABLE ROAD USER", TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER TO FAIL TO YIELD TO A VULNERABLE ROAD USER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROVIDE A PENALTY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT A PERSON FROM BEING CHARGED WITH ANOTHER OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-3425, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BICYCLE LANE" AND OPERATIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND BICYCLES ALONG BICYCLE LANES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "BICYCLE LANE"; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-10, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MOTORCYCLE MANUFACTURERS, DISTRIBUTORS, DEALERS, AND WHOLESALERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS "BICYCLES WITH HELPER MOTORS", "ELECTRIC-ASSIST BICYCLES", AND "PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICE".

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01/31/17 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 12)

02/01/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Newton, Duckworth, G.R.Smith, Williams, Jefferson, Felder

02/02/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bernstein

03/02/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Thayer

03/14/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Elliott

03/30/17 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 80)

03/31/17 Scrivener's error corrected

04/06/17 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper, Brown

04/06/17 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 4-18-17 (House Journal-page 20)

04/18/17 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Allison, Loftis, Taylor, Herbkersman, Forrester, Simrill, Hixon, Pope, Elliott, Hart, West, Bedingfield, GR Smith (House Journal-page 19)

04/19/17 House Amended (House Journal-page 47)

04/19/17 House Committed to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 47)