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S 1237 General Bill, By Saleeby, Bryan, H.U. Fielding, R.L. Helmly, D.L. Hinds, Land, Leatherman, I.E. Lourie, J.A. Martin, M.F. Mullinax, Patterson, T.H. Pope, N.W. Smith and Thomas

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 59-53-1875 so as to require driver education and training programs and defensive driving courses in vocational schools; to amend Sections 56-1-30, 56-1-40, 56-1-50, and 56-1-180, relating to the issuance of drivers' licenses, beginners' permits, and special restricted licenses, so as to increase the age requirements one year; to amend Sections 56-1-80 and 56-1-390, relating to the issuance, renewal, and reinstatement of licenses and permits, so as to require driver education and training program or defensive driving course certification for certain persons; to amend Section 56-5-6540, relating to the enforcement and penalties for failing to wear a safety belt, so as to delete the requirement of another violation of the motor vehicle laws before a citation may be made for the failure to wear a safety belt; to amend Section 56-23-60, relating to the minimum standards and conditions of operation of licensed driver training schools, so as to require the schools to follow the guidelines established by the State Board of Education for driver education and training programs; and to amend Article 3, Chapter 39, Title 59, relating to mandatory driver education and training, so as to provide for the programs to include persons at least sixteen years of age including persons in public and nonpublic schools and persons not enrolled in schools, require fees for participants, require students at least sixteen years of age to complete the program before receiving a driver's license, provide for the State Board of Education to establish guidelines for the programs, and provide minimum requirements of the programs.

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