

Session 113 - (1999-2000)

H 3552 General Bill, By Harrison, D. Smith, J. Brown, Cobb-Hunter, Cotty, Harvin, Jennings, Klauber, Limehouse, Lourie, Maddox, Seithel, F. Smith, J. Smith, Stuart, Whipper and Wilkes

*Similar (S 0415)*

**Summary:** Safety belt enforcement, fines increased for violation; Motor Vehicles

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATORY USE OF SEAT BELTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PERSONS REGARDLESS OF AGE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT OR BE IN A CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEM AS APPROPRIATE AND TO CONFORM THIS PROVISION WITH THE CHILD RESTRAINT PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 47, CHAPTER 5, TITLE 56; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6530, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM MANDATORY USE OF SEAT BELTS, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION FOR CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO CONFORM TO THESE PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-6540, RELATING TO THE PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF MANDATORY SEAT BELT USE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE PRIMARY ENFORCEMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT TO WEAR SEAT BELTS, TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR FAILURE TO WEAR A SEAT BELT, AND TO IMPOSE THE FINE ON THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE IF AN OCCUPANT UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN IS NOT WEARING A SEAT BELT.

02/17/99	House	Introduced and read first time HJ-13
02/17/99	House	Referred to Committee on Judiciary HJ-14
04/22/99	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary HJ-36
04/28/99	House	Objection by Rep. Simrill, Moody-Lawrence, and Kirsh HJ-34
04/28/99	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Robinson, Cato, Altman, Harrison, Meacham, Quinn, Seithel, McMahand, Leach, Rhoad, Harrell, Whatley, Knotts, Gourdine, Young-Brickell, Loftis, Neal Scott, Sandifer, Davenport and Vaughn HJ-34
05/26/99	House	Debate adjourned HJ-115
05/27/99	House	Requests for debate removed-Rep(s). Robinson and McMahand HJ-160
05/27/99	House	Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary HJ-161