



Legislative Meeting Notice

ABATE of Greenville

Sunday September 24, 2023



Immediate Release: Legislative Meeting to be held this Sunday September 24th after the 1:00 p.m. ABATE of Greenville meeting. Located at the Greenville Shrine Club located 119 Beverly Road Greenville, SC 29609.

Legislative issues for the Second half of the Session starting in January of 2024:

We had a good meeting with legislative staff, and they will be working to increase penalties for drivers that break traffic laws with the result of great bodily injury or death to another individual. A percentage of the penalty will be allocated to the SC Crime Victims Services Division within the Attorney General's office. There will also be a broadening to the crime victim services to include surviving family members of individuals due to a motorcycle vehicle collision that resulted in either great bodily injury or death.

H 3394 "SC Hands Free Act" Distracted driving is our #1 priority. Passage of this would make driving with a cell phone in your hand illegal. Representative Bill Taylor introduced this bill, and it currently sits in the House Judiciary Committee.

Members who are current co-sponsors:

Representatives West, Chapman and Pope added their names as co-sponsors on January 10th.

Representative M.M. Smith and Davis added their names as co-sponsors on February 1st.

Representative Thayer added her name as co-sponsor on February 2nd.

Representatives Bernstein, Wheeler and Bauer added their names as co-sponsors on February 21st.

Representative Elliott added his name as co-sponsor on March 8th.

Representative Robbins added his name as co-sponsor on March 29th.

Representative Sandifer and Hartnett added their names as co-sponsors on April 4th.

Representative McCabe added his name as co-sponsor on April 26th.

Representative White added his name as co-sponsor on May 16th.

S 375 "Move Over" Passage of this would require the driver of a vehicle to move over if possible and slow down when approaching a stopped vehicle that has its hazard lights on the side of a road. This would make it a fine of not less than \$300 and not more than \$500. Senator Grooms sponsored this bill, and it passed out of the Senate in February with a vote of 41 ayes and 0 nays and is now in the House of Representatives Judiciary committee.

H 3168 "Antique Motorcycles Use at Night" Passage of this would allow antique motorcycles to ride at night for certain purposes if they are equipped with working headlights and rear lights. Representative Chumley sponsored this bill, and it passed out of the House of Representatives in April with a vote of 100 ayes and 0 nays and is now in the Senate Transportation committee.

H 3962 "Large Debris Falling from Vehicles" Passage of this would make it illegal for large 2' polyethylene pieces to fall from a vehicle in the roadways. Representative Trantham sponsored this bill, and it is now in the Education and Public Works committee.

ABATE is a state motorcyclists rights organization dedicated to defending the rights of all motorcyclists. ABATE also encourages all motorcyclists to register to vote and become active in the political process. ABATE encourages motorcyclists to voluntarily obtain motorcycle rider training.

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