**South Carolina General Assembly**

126th Session, 2025-2026

**A38, R57, H3127**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Robbins, Wooten, Lawson, Pope, Chapman, Pedalino, W. Newton, Sanders, Duncan, Hixon, Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis, M.M. Smith, Vaughan, Williams, Erickson, Bradley, Cromer and Gilreath

Document Path: LC-0083CM25.docx

Introduced in the House on January 14, 2025

Introduced in the Senate on April 15, 2025

Last Amended on May 7, 2025

Currently residing in the Senate

Governor's Action: May 12, 2025, Signed

Summary: Failure to stop a motor vehicle

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 12/5/2024 House Prefiled

 12/5/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

 1/14/2025 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 103)

 1/14/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 103)

 1/28/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sanders,
 Duncan

 2/26/2025 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** (House Journal‑page 78)

 3/4/2025 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 3-25-25 (House Journal‑page 27)

 3/4/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon,
 Taylor, Gagnon, Oremus, Hartz, Davis

 3/25/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M. Smith

 3/25/2025 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 50)

 3/26/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan

 3/26/2025 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). B Newton, Martin, BL Cox, Collins, Bowers, Jordan, Guest, Hager, Whitmire (House Journal‑page 17)

 3/26/2025 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 45)

 3/27/2025 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 33)

 4/1/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor:
 Williams, Erickson, Bradley

 4/2/2025 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 83)

 4/3/2025 House Debate adjourned (House Journal‑page 49)

 4/9/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cromer,
 Gilreath

 4/9/2025 House Amended (House Journal‑page 55)

 4/9/2025 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 55)

 4/9/2025 House Roll call Yeas-98 Nays-10 (House Journal‑page 55)

 4/10/2025 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 43)

 4/15/2025 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 4/15/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 12)

 4/16/2025 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Judiciary** (Senate Journal‑page 50)

 4/29/2025 Senate Special order, set for April 29, 2025 (Senate Journal‑page 51)

 4/30/2025 Senate Amended (Senate Journal‑page 50)

 4/30/2025 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 50)

 5/1/2025 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal‑page 83)

 5/1/2025 Senate Roll call Ayes-35 Nays-5 (Senate Journal‑page 83)

 5/6/2025 House Debate adjourned until Wed., 5-7-25 (House Journal‑page 209)

 5/7/2025 House Senate amendment amended (House Journal‑page 37)

 5/7/2025 House Returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal‑page 37)

 5/7/2025 Senate Concurred in House amendment and enrolled

 5/8/2025 Ratified R 57

 5/12/2025 Signed By Governor

 5/19/2025 Effective date 05/12/26

 5/19/2025 Act No. 38

View the latest  [legislative information](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/billsearch.php?billnumbers=3127&session=126&summary=B)  at the website

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

[12/05/2024](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20241205.docx)

[02/26/2025](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20250226.docx)

[04/09/2025](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20250409.docx)

[04/16/2025](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20250416.docx)

[04/30/2025](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20250430.docx)

[05/07/2025](https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/prever/3127_20250507.docx)

(A38, R57, H3127)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56‑5‑750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES, TO CREATE AN ADDITIONAL FELONY OFFENSE WHEN A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IS LED ON A HIGH-SPEED PURSUIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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

Failure to stop when signaled by law enforcement vehicles

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑750(A), (B), and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (A) In the absence of mitigating circumstances, it is unlawful for a motor vehicle driver, while driving on a road, street, or highway of the State, to fail to stop when signaled by a law enforcement vehicle by means of a siren or flashing light. An attempt to increase the speed of a vehicle or in other manner avoid the pursuing law enforcement vehicle when signaled by a siren or flashing light is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. Failure to see the flashing light or hear the siren does not excuse a failure to stop when the distance between the vehicles and other road conditions are such that it would be reasonable for a driver to hear or see the signals from the law enforcement vehicle.

 (B) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (A):

 (1) for a first offense where no great bodily injury or death resulted from the violation, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than three years. The Department of Motor Vehicles must suspend the person’s driver’s license for at least thirty days;

 (2) for a second or subsequent offense where no great bodily injury or death resulted from the violation, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than ten years. The person’s driver’s license must be suspended by the department for a period of one year from the date of the conviction; or

 (3) where the person is found to have led law enforcement upon a high-speed pursuit, the person is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than ten years and the person’s driver’s license must be suspended for a period of one year from the date of conviction. For the purposes of this section, a high-speed pursuit occurs when the driver of the vehicle increases speed or takes evasive actions to avoid the pursuing law enforcement vehicle.

 (C) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (A) and when driving performs an act forbidden by law or neglects a duty imposed by law in the driving of the vehicle:

 (1) where great bodily injury resulted, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than fifteen years; or

 (2) where death resulted, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than thirty years.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one year after approval of the Governor.

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2025.

Approved the 12th day of May, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_