**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**A133, R136, H3145**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Sandifer, Lucas, Thayer, Yow, Long, G.R. Smith, Hixon, Henderson, G.M. Smith, Sottile, Forrester, Felder, Atwater, Toole, Huggins, Pope, Simrill, Bales, Anderson, Gilliard and Hicks

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Companion/Similar bill(s): 3219

Introduced in the House on January 13, 2015

Introduced in the Senate on February 10, 2015

Last Amended on June 3, 2015

Passed by the General Assembly on February 4, 2016

Governor's Action: February 16, 2016, Signed

Summary: Civil Liability

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

 Date Body Action Description with journal page number

 12/11/2014 House Prefiled

 12/11/2014 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry**

 1/13/2015 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 114](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C01-13-15.docx))

 1/13/2015 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 114](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C01-13-15.docx))

 1/15/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Sottile, Forrester, Felder, Atwater, Toole, Huggins

 1/27/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope, Simrill

 2/4/2015 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 29](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-04-15.docx))

 2/5/2015 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bales, Anderson, Gilliard, Hicks

 2/5/2015 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-05-15.docx))

 2/5/2015 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-05-15.docx))

 2/5/2015 House Roll call Yeas‑107 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 20](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-05-15.docx))

 2/5/2015 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 22](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-05-15.docx))

 2/10/2015 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-10-15.docx))

 2/10/2015 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C02-10-15.docx))

 3/12/2015 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Massey (ch), Coleman, Gregory

 5/27/2015 Senate Polled out of committee **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C05-27-15.docx))

 5/27/2015 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable, minority unfavorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C05-27-15.docx))

 6/3/2015 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 52](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2015%5C06-03-15.docx))

 1/28/2016 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C01-28-16.docx))

 1/28/2016 Senate Roll call Ayes‑35 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C01-28-16.docx))

 2/3/2016 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-03-16.docx))

 2/4/2016 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C02-04-16.docx))

 2/11/2016 Ratified R 136

 2/16/2016 Signed By Governor

 2/22/2016 Effective date 02/16/16

 2/23/2016 Act No. 133

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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(A133, R136, H3145)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15‑3‑700 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PERSON IS IMMUNE FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM HIS FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO A MOTOR VEHICLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING A MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT FROM THE VEHICLE IF THE PERSON HAS A REASONABLE GOOD FAITH BELIEF THAT FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO THE VEHICLE IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT IS IN IMMINENT DANGER OF SUFFERING HARM.**

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

**Immunity for property damage incurred in rescue from locked vehicle**

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 15 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 15‑3‑700. A person is immune from civil liability for property damage resulting from his forcible entry into a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing a minor or vulnerable adult from the vehicle if the person has a reasonable good faith belief that forcible entry into the vehicle is necessary because the minor or vulnerable adult is in imminent danger of suffering harm.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of February, 2016.

Approved the 16th day of February, 2016.

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