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S 1200 General Bill, By Patterson and Jackson Similar (H 4847)

Summary: Abandoned vehicles

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5635, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TOWING, STORAGE, AND DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN VEHICLES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "OFFICER": TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5810. RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS REGARDING THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED OR DERELICT MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE DEFINITIONS APPLY TO THE SAME TERMS AS THEY APPEAR IN ARTICLE 39, CHAPTER 5 OF TITLE 56, TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF THE TERMS "OFFICER" AND "DERELICT VEHICLE", AND TO DELETE A DUPLICATE TERM AND ITS DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5850, RELATING TO THE PLACEMENT OF A COLORED TAG ON UNATTENDED VEHICLES AS NOTICE THAT IT MAY BE CONSIDERED TO BE ABANDONED, SO AS TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH A COLORED TAG MAY BE PLACED UPON A VEHICLE, THE LEVEL OF NOTICE CONVEYED BY THE COLORED TAG, THE PERIOD FOR WHICH THE COLORED TAG AND NOTICE ARE VALID, AND TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN ADDITIONAL NOTICE IS REQUIRED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5880, RELATING TO THE RIGHT OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS TO ENTER PRIVATE PROPERTY TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5920, RELATING TO VEHICLES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A VEHICLE HOUSED OR PROTECTED FROM THE ELEMENTS MUST BE KEPT WITHIN A CLOSED PERMANENT STRUCTURE TO BE EXEMPT FROM THESE PROVISIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-5950, RELATING TO PENALTIES THAT MUST BE IMPOSED ALSO UPON A PERSON WHO ABANDONS A VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PENALTIES MUST BE IMPOSED UPON A PERSON WHO FAILS TO ABATE A DERELICT VEHICLE WITHIN A CERTAIN TIME PERIOD.

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