**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO A BEGINNER’S PERMIT, TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES’ AUTHORITY TO RENEW A BEGINNER’S PERMIT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑1‑50(D) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(D) ~~A beginner’s permit may be renewed or a new permit issued for additional periods of twelve months, but the department may refuse to renew or issue a new permit where the examining officer has reason to believe the applicant has not made a bona fide effort to pass the required driver’s road test or does not appear to the examining officer to have the aptitude to pass the road test.~~ The fee for every beginner’s ~~or renewal~~ permit is two dollars and fifty cents, and the permit must bear the full name, date of birth, and residence address and a brief description and color photograph of the permittee and a facsimile of the signature of the permittee or a space upon which the permittee shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the permit. A permit is not valid until it has been signed by the permittee.”

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

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