**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING PROVISIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE THAT IS TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑3‑2240. The department may issue a ‘Historic’ automobile special motor vehicle license plate for use on a private passenger‑carrying motor vehicle or a motorcycle that is twenty‑five years of age or older at the time of applying for the special plate. The applicant for a ‘Historic’ automobile license plate must be the owner of the motor vehicle or motorcycle and must be a resident of this State.

Section 56‑3‑2241. The special license plate must be of the same size and general design as a regular motor vehicle or motorcycle license plate. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall imprint the special license plates with the word ‘Historic’, with numbers the department may determine. The license plate must be for a biennial period that expires twenty‑four months from the month it is issued.

Section 56‑3‑2242. A license plate issued pursuant to this article may be transferred to another vehicle or motorcycle that meets the requirements of Section 56‑3‑2240 and is owned by the same person upon application being made and being approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles. It is unlawful for any person to whom the plate has been issued to knowingly permit it to be displayed on any vehicle or motorcycle except the one authorized by the department.

Section 56‑3‑2243. The provisions of this article do not affect the registration and licensing of motor vehicles or motorcycles as required by other provisions of this chapter, but are cumulative to those other provisions. Any person violating the provisions of this article or any person who (a) fraudulently gives false or fictitious information in any application for a special license plate, as authorized in this article, (b) conceals a material fact, or (c) otherwise commits fraud in the application or in the use of any special license plate issued is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

Section56‑3‑2244. The fee for the plate is the regular motor vehicle registration fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title and a special motor vehicle license fee of thirty‑five dollars. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the fees collected pursuant to this section, the Comptroller General shall place sufficient funds into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to defray the expenses of the department in producing and administering the special license plates. The remaining funds collected from the special motor vehicle license fee must be placed in the state’s general fund.

Section 56‑3‑2245. The guidelines for the production of a ‘Historic’ automobile special license plate must meet the requirements of Section 56‑3‑8100.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect six months after approval by the Governor.

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