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Summary: Authority of law enforcement officer operating vehicle outside jurisdiction

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17‑13‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS OPERATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE OUTSIDE HIS JURISDICTION MAY STOP AND DETAIN CERTAIN VEHICLES AND THEIR OPERATORS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 17‑13‑35. Notwithstanding another provision of law, every law enforcement officer of this State and its political subdivisions who is operating a law enforcement vehicle outside of his jurisdiction may stop another vehicle if the vehicle is being operated in a manner that poses a danger to the public. The officer may detain the vehicle and its operator until proper jurisdictional authorities arrive on the scene to assess whether the operator should be arrested or issued a traffic ticket.”

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

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