**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1810 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE NUMBER OF PLATES ISSUED SHALL EQUAL THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES OR MOTORCYCLES REGISTERED IN SUCH PERSON’S NAME IN THIS STATE; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1815, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES AUTHORIZED FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD, TO PROVIDE THAT SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES MAY BE ISSUED TO A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD AND TO A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GUARD WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE FOR A PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLES OWNED OR LEASED BY A MEMBER OR A RETIREE ONLY AFTER THE CURRENT STOCK OF SOUTH CAROLINA GUARD, NATIONAL GUARD, AND SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD RETIRED LICENSE PLATES IS EXHAUSTED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-1820, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES MUST BE ISSUED FOR BIENNIAL PERIODS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑1810 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑1810. The number of plates that may be issued to members of the National Guard by the Department of Motor Vehicles shall equal the number of private passenger motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑20, registered in such person’s name in this State; provided, however, that the total number of such plates issued to any one person shall not exceed three. The department shall issue such plates for a particular private passenger motor vehicle or motorcycle registered in that person’s name and such plates may only be transferred to another vehicle upon compliance with the provisions of Section 56‑3‑1830.”

SECTION 2. Section 56‑3‑1815 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑1815. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue a special motor vehicle license plate to a retired member of the South Carolina National Guard and may issue a special motor vehicle license plate to a member of the South Carolina State Guard who is a resident of the State for a private passenger motor vehicle, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑20, owned or leased by a member or a retiree only after the current stock of South Carolina Guard, National Guard, and South Carolina National Guard Retired license plates is exhausted. An application for a special motor vehicle license plate must include a copy of the applicant’s military identification card or other evidence that shows the applicant is either a retired or active member of the South Carolina National Guard or the South Carolina State Guard.”

SECTION 3. Section 56‑3‑1820 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑1820. The special license plates must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates upon which must be imprinted the figure of the Minute Man~~”~~ with numbers, or letters, or both, as determined by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The license plate must provide a space on the top of the plate to affix a decal indicating National Guard~~”~~, Retired National Guard~~”~~, Air National Guard~~”~~, or State Guard~~”~~. This license plate must be issued only after the current stock of South Carolina State Guard, National Guard, and South Carolina National Guard Retired license plates is exhausted. The biennial fee for the special license plate is the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by Article 5 of this chapter. The plates must be issued for biennial periods ~~November first to October thirty‑first~~.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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