**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑3‑116 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OWNER OF A BOAT TRAILER, UNDER TWENTY‑FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS, FARM TRAILER, OR OTHER UTILITY TRAILER WHICH IS PRIVATELY OWNED AND NOT FOR HIRE MUST OBTAIN A PERMIT TO OPERATE THE TRAILER UNDER THE CONDITIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56‑3‑130 RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION FROM THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF THESE TRAILERS.

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

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

“Section 56‑3‑116. The owner of a boat trailer, under twenty‑five hundred pounds, farm trailer, or other utility trailer which is privately owned and not for hire must obtain a permit to operate the trailer under the following conditions:

(1) the owner must have a valid South Carolina driver’s license and furnish proof of financial responsibility;

(2) the owner must pay a one‑time fee of ten dollars;

(3) the permit must be affixed to the trailer in the manner the department prescribes; and

(4) the trailer must be equipped with working tail lights.”

SECTION 2. Section 56‑3‑130 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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