**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 39‑1‑110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS IN THE BUSINESS OF SELLING MOTOR FUEL AT RETAIL IN THIS STATE AND CHARGES DIFFERENT PRICES FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOTOR FUEL BASED ON THE FORM OF PAYMENT, MUST CONSIDER A DEBIT CARD THE SAME AS CASH, AND CHARGE THE PURCHASER THE SAME AS IF THE PURCHASER PAID WITH CASH.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 39 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 39‑1‑110. (A) A person who is in the business of selling motor fuel at retail in this State, and meets the definition of ‘ultimate vendor’ as defined in Section 12‑28‑110, who charges different prices for the purchase of motor fuel based on the form of payment, must consider a debit card the same as cash, and charge the purchaser the same as if the purchaser paid with cash.

(B) Nothing in this section prohibits a seller of motor fuel from conditioning acceptance of a debit card on a buyer’s minimum purchase.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars.”

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

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