**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT “TIMOTHY’S LAW”; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑100, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MUST SIGN AN APPLICATION OF AN UNEMANCIPATED MINOR FOR A BEGINNER’S PERMIT, INSTRUCTION PERMIT, OR DRIVER’S LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FATHER, MOTHER, FOSTER PARENT, OR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO STANDS IN LOCO PARENTIS TO A MINOR IS THE PERSON WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THIS APPLICATION.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as “Timothy’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Section 56‑1‑100 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑1‑100. The application of an unemancipated minor for a beginner’s permit, instruction permit, or driver’s license must be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by the father, mother, ~~or~~ legal guardian, foster parent, or~~, for all other minors, by a responsible adult who is willing to assume the obligation imposed under this article upon a person signing the application of a~~ an individual who stands in loco parentis to the minor. Upon the extension of a permit pursuant to Section 56‑1‑50, authorization by the father, mother, legal guardian, foster parent, or ~~a responsible adult~~ an individual who stands in loco parentis to the minor is not required.”

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

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