**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑2150, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO CERTAIN CURRENT AND RETIRED PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TWO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES MAY BE ISSUED TO EACH OF THESE OFFICIALS, AND THAT A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO IS RECEIVING RETIREMENT BENEFITS MUST CONTAIN THE SEAL IMPRINTED ON SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑2150 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 272 of 2012, is further amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑2150. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue special motor vehicle license plates to former members of the South Carolina Delegation of the United States Congress, retired judicial officers elected by the General Assembly or confirmed by the United States Senate, respectively, members of municipal and county councils, county coroners, and mayors of this State for private passenger motor vehicles owned by them. The department also may issue special motor vehicle license plates to former members of the General Assembly who are eligible to receive retirement benefits under the General Assembly Retirement System for private passenger motor vehicles and vehicles classified as private passenger motor vehicles in Section 56‑3‑630 owned by them. The biennial fee for these special license plates is the same as the fee provided in Section 56‑3‑2020, and only one plate may be issued to former members of the South Carolina Delegation of the United States Congress, retired judicial officers elected by the General Assembly or confirmed by the United States Senate, respectively, a councilman~~,~~ or a mayor~~, or a member of the General Assembly who is receiving retirement benefits~~. A coroner and a retired member of the General Assembly who is receiving retirement benefits may be issued two license plates. A special motor vehicle license plate issued to a member of the General Assembly who is receiving retirement benefits must contain the seal imprinted on special motor vehicle license plates issued to current members of the General Assembly. These license plates must be issued or revalidated biennially for the regular registration and licensing period.”

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

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