**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 57‑1‑410, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY BEGINNING JULY 1, 2016; TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6, ACT 114 OF 2007, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION UNTIL JULY 1, 2016; AND TO DELETE PARAGRAPH 84.18, PART 1B, ACT 91 OF 2015, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION.

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

SECTION 1. A. Section 57‑1‑410 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 114 of 2007, is further amended to read:

“Section 57‑1‑410. The ~~Governor~~ commission shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Secretary of Transportation who shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~Governor~~ commission. A person appointed to this position shall possess practical and successful business and executive ability and be knowledgeable in the field of transportation. The Secretary of Transportation shall receive such compensation as may be established under the provisions of Section 8‑11‑160 and for which funds have been authorized in the general appropriations act.”

B. This SECTION takes effect July 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including the provisions of Section 6, Act 114 of 2007, the Governor may appoint the Secretary of Transportation until July 1, 2016, at which time the provisions of Section 57‑1‑410, as amended by this act, shall apply.

SECTION 3. Paragraph 84.18, Section 84, Part 1B, Act 91 of 2015, is deleted.

SECTION 4. Unless otherwise provided, this act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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