**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DRIVER’S LICENSES, TO CHANGE THE VALIDITY OF A DRIVER’S LICENSE FROM TEN YEARS TO EIGHT YEARS TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005; TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 56, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DRIVER’S LICENSES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-86 TO DIRECT THE GOVERNOR TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-1-85, RELATING TO THE FEDERAL REAL ID ACT OF 2005.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-140(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56-1-140. (A) Upon payment of a fee of twelve dollars and fifty cents for a license that is valid for five years, or twenty-five dollars for a license that is valid for ~~ten~~ eight years, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue to every qualified applicant a driver's license as applied for by law. The license must bear on it a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a brief description and laminated colored photograph of the licensee, and a facsimile of the signature of the licensee, or a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately upon receipt of the license. No license is valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. The license authorizes the licensee to operate only those classifications of vehicles as indicated on the license.”

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56-1-86. The Governor is hereby directed to take all actions necessary to implement the requirements of the federal Real ID Act of 2005, Pub. L. No. 109-13, 119 Stat. 302 and any accompanying regulations.”

SECTION 3. Section 56-1-85 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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