**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-80(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE OR PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICATION FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE OR PERMIT MUST ALLOW AN APPLICANT WHO HAS BEEN MEDICALLY DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE THAT HE IS AUTISTIC, WHICH MUST BE INDICATED BY A SYMBOL DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT ON THE DRIVER’S LICENSE AND CONTAINED IN THE DRIVER’S RECORD.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-80(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56-1-80. (A) An application for a driver's license or permit must:

(1) be made upon the form furnished by the department;

(2) be accompanied by the proper fee and acceptable proof of date and place of birth;

(3) contain the full name, date of birth, sex, race, and residence address of the applicant and briefly describe the applicant;

(4) state whether the applicant has been licensed as an operator or chauffeur and, if so, when and by what state or country;

(5) state whether a license or permit has been suspended or revoked or whether an application has been refused and, if so, the date of and reason for the suspension, revocation, or refusal;

(6) allow an applicant voluntarily to disclose a permanent medical condition, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver's license and contained in the driver's record; ~~and~~

(7) allow an applicant voluntarily to disclose that he is an organ and tissue donor, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver's license and contained in the driver's record~~.~~; and

(8) allow an applicant who has been medically diagnosed with autism to voluntarily disclose that he is autistic, which must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the driver’s license and contained in the driver’s record, if requested by the applicant.”

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

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