**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 30‑9‑37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT RECORDS OF CERTAIN MINOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS FROM APPEARING IN PUBLIC INDEXES, AND TO DIRECT ALL COUNTY CLERKS OF COURT TO REMOVE SUCH RECORDS WITHIN SIX MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 9, Title 30 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 30‑9‑37. (A) A public index in this State may not include any charges, guilty pleas, nolo contendere pleas, or convictions for minor traffic violations, regardless of when the violation occurred. A county clerk of court promptly shall remove any record of such minor violations that appear on a county public index.

(B) For purposes of this section, ‘minor traffic violations’ include violations of Section 56‑5‑1520(G)(1), (2), or (3).”

SECTION 2. All county clerks of court are directed to remove all records of minor traffic violations, as defined in Section 30‑9‑37, from the public indexes of their respective counties. These records must be removed within six months after the effective date of this act.

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

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