**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-2080 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON MAY NOT BE ISSUED A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE UNLESS THAT PERSON COMPLETES AN IN-PERSON OR ONLINE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS COURSE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PERSON MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH HIS APPLICATION FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-2080 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection to read:

“( )(1) A person may not be issued a commercial driver’s license unless that person completes an in-person or online human trafficking awareness course that has been approved by the Office of the Attorney General. The person must provide evidence of completion to the department with his application for a commercial driver’s license.

(2) A person who holds a valid commercial driver’s license issued by another state and is eligible for South Carolina reciprocity must comply with subitem (1) if applying for a commercial driver’s license in South Carolina.

(3) A person is required to complete the human trafficking prevention training one time so long as the person maintains a valid commercial driver’s license.”

SECTION 2. A person who has held a commercial driver’s license for at least twenty years on the effective date of this act is exempt from completing the in-person or online human trafficking awareness course.

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

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