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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑95 SO AS TO PROVIDE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY INITIATE A MOTOR VEHICLE STOP FOR A VIOLATION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES ONLY WHERE THERE IS A SIMULTANEOUSLY OBSERVED VIOLATION FOR ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑95. A law enforcement officer only may initiate a motor vehicle stop for the following violations where there is a simultaneously observed violation for another motor vehicle offense:

(1) failure to register a vehicle when the vehicle had been registered previously in the State within forty‑five days of the infraction;

(2) improper placement of a license plate or temporary license plate when the license plate is displayed in the rear window, or otherwise displayed clearly;

(3) operating a motor vehicle with a single brake light, head light, daytime running lights, single bulb in a larger light, or any other single light or bulb; or

(4) operating a vehicle with any object or material that obstructs, obscures, or impairs the driver’s vision through the front windshield or in any manner as to constitute a safety hazard.”

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

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