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H 3154 General Bill, By G.M. Smith

Summary: Driver's license

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-1-40, AS AMENDED, AND 56-1-286, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE AND SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND A BEGINNER'S PERMIT, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO FILING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES' DUTY TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-1-460 AND 56-1-746, RELATING TO THE CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND RELATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FILING OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-1020, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "HABITUAL OFFENDER" AND PENALTIES FOR AN HABITUAL OFFENDER CONVICTION, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION RELATING TO A CONVICTION FOR DRIVING UNDER SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO FILE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHOSE DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT IS SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO FILE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 56-9-20, RELATING TO CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY POLICY"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-9-30, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT TO CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO DELETE AN EXCEPTION TO THIS PROVISION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-9-440, 56-9-470, AND 56-9-490, ALL RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A PERSON'S DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR NONPAYMENT OF A JUDGEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO A JUDGEMENT DEBTOR FURNISHING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND A PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY FOLLOWING THE RENDERING OF A JUDGEMENT SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE JUDGEMENT DEBTOR FROM PROVIDING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-10-10, 56-10-20, 56-10-40, AND 56-10-45, ALL RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SECURITY, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT ALLOWS THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-10-210, 56-10-220, 56-10-225, AND 56-10-240, ALL RELATING TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "OPERATOR" AND ITS DEFINITION, TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AUTHORITY TO PROMULGATE A REGULATION TO REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE ON NEW AND RENEWAL VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE TERM "FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INSURANCE"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-260, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR FILING FALSE INFORMATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INSURED, AND THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT STATES THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT ISSUE A SPECIAL RESTRICTED DRIVER'S LICENSE UNTIL PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY HAS BEEN FILED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-280, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF INSURANCE CONTRACTS OR POLICIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE TERM "FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "INSURANCE"; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-510, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND REVISE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-10-520, 56-10-530, 56-10-535, 56-10-540, 56-10-550, 56-10-551, 56-10-554, AND 56-10-650, ALL RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE, INVOLVEMENT IN AN ACCIDENT WITH AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE, CONVICTIONS FOR CERTAIN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, THE UNINSURED MOTORISTS FUND, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION OF AN INSURANCE POLICY, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA REINSURANCE FACILITY, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND DELETE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 56-25-20, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A TRAFFIC CITATION FOR A LITTER VIOLATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 56-9-460, 56-9-500, 56-9-505, 56-9-510, 56-9-520, 56-9-530, 56-9-540, 56-9-550, 56-9-560, 56-9-570, 56-9-580, 56-9-590, 56-9-600, 56-9-610, 56-9-620, 56-9-630, AND 56-10-46 RELATING TO ALLOWING A DRIVER WHOSE LICENSE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED TO DRIVE AN EMPLOYER'S VEHICLE, REQUIRING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE A DRIVER'S LICENSE MAY BE REINSTATED, WAIVING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, METHODS OF PROVIDING PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE CANCELLATION OR RETURN OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

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