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H 3546 General Bill, By J.I. Rogers

A Bill to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 29 to Title 56 so as to enact the Trucking Industry Safety, Education, and Economic Development Research Act; to amend Sections 12-37-220, as amended, 12-43-220, 56-3-660, 56-3-785, 56-5-4205, 58-23-80, 58-23-330, 58-23-620, and 58-23-920, relating to motor carriers, so as to provide for reduction of property taxes for use of vehicles outside of the State, to assess private and for-hire motor carriers' property at nine and one-half percent of fair market value, to provide that miles traveled in states not members of the International Registration Plan are not considered in-state fleet miles, to delete additional registration fees for vehicles which exceed eighty thousand pounds gross vehicle weight, to allow the Department of Highways and Public Transportation to accept checks of motor carrier companies, to provide a fee of seventy-five dollars for a permanent registration and license plate, to allow open-end permits or annual permits for movement of overweight loads and vehicles and combinations of vehicles and for other nonconforming movements and to provide fees for the permits, to increase the fine penalties for violations of Chapter 23 of Title 58 from not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars to not less than forty-five dollars to not more than two hundred dollars, to make penalty provisions applicable to violations of Section 58-23-40 applicable to violations of Section 58-23-1150, to provide that twenty percent of fines collected under provisions of Section 58-23-80 must be paid to the Public Service Commission, to provide criteria for determining if an applicant for a motor carrier certificate is fit, willing, and able, to provide for the payment of fees by applicants for certificates and amendments to them, and to provide that applicants for specialized motor carrier authority shall prove authority and expertise, to prohibit state political subdivisions from imposing registration fees on motor carriers, and to provide that certificated motor carrier companies must carry liability insurance in coverage amounts required by the Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; and to amend the 1976 Code by adding Sections 12-37-460, 58-23-45, 58-23-650, 58-23-1150, and 58-23-1160 so as to provide that personal property taxes on trucks weighing in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds must be paid in one annual payment, to require the Public Service Commission to enter premises and inspect records and documents of persons suspected of violating laws relating to motor carriers, to authorize the adoption of the National Governor's Association Plan authorizing "one stop shopping", to penalize motor carriers who operate vehicles with "out-of-service" defects, to provide for safety compliance audits, and to provide penalties for violations.

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