**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO PROVIDE FOR A LARGE MOUTH BASS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COLLECTED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered new article to read:

“Article \_\_\_

‘Large Mouth Bass’ Special License Plates

“Section 56‑3‑\_\_\_\_. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Large Mouth Bass’ special motor vehicle license plates to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles registered in their names. The license plate shall have the image of a large mouth bass imprinted on it. The design of the plate and the large mouth bass image utilized must be selected through a public process conducted by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. This special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates. The special license plates must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty‑four months from the month they are issued.

(B) The fees collected pursuant to this section above the cost of the regular motor vehicle registration fee must be distributed to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, which shall only use the funds to promote bass fishing throughout the State.

(C) The guidelines for the production of a special license plate under this section must meet the requirements of Section 56‑3‑8100.”

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

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