**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1525 SO AS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS FOR STATE‑OPERATED MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

Whereas, reducing the maximum speed limits that state‑operated motor vehicles may travel along the state’s highways would reduce the state’s consumption of fossil fuels, have a positive effect on the state’s budget, and set a great example for the citizens of South Carolina on how to reduce one’s dependence on foreign oil. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑1525. Notwithstanding another provision of law, all state‑operated motor vehicles may not travel more than fifty‑five miles an hour along the state’s noninterstate highways and not more than sixty‑five miles an hour along the state’s interstate highways. However, this provision does not apply to state‑operated motor vehicles responding to an emergency or engaged in law enforcement activity that requires them to exceed these speed limits.”

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

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