**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLES 108 AND 109 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS AND BRONZE STAR WITH VALOR DEVICE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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:

“Article 108

Distinguished Service Cross Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑10810. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Distinguished Service Cross’ special license plates to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles registered in their names who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must contain an illustration of the Distinguished Service Cross. The application for this special license plate must include proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross. Not more than two license plates may be issued to a person.

(B) The production and issuance of this special license plate is exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8100.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 109

Bronze Star with Valor Device Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑10910. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Bronze Star with Valor device’ special license plates to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles registered in their names who have been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor device. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must contain the words ‘combat veteran’ and an illustration of the Bronze Star with Valor device. The application for this special license plate must include proof that the applicant is a recipient of the Bronze Star with Valor device. Not more than two license plates may be issued to a person.

(B) The production and issuance of this special license plate is exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8100.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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