**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑77‑285 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICIES TO INCLUDE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COVERAGE FOR TOWING AN AUTOMOBILE THAT IS ABANDONED OR ORDERED TOWED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 77, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑77‑285. (A) For purposes of this section, abandoned ‘vehicle’ means one as defined in Sections 56‑5‑5630(A)(1) and 56‑5‑5840.

(B) No automobile insurance policy or contract may be issued or delivered unless it contains a provision for the payment of towing charges in association with an abandoned or damaged motor vehicle.

(C) The coverage required in subsection (A) must be an amount of at least one hundred dollars for each incident.”

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

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