**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-2087 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE TO HONORABLY DISCHARGED MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD, AND MILITARY RESERVES WHO APPLY FOR THE LICENSE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THEIR DISCHARGE FROM MILITARY SERVICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONDITIONS THAT AN APPLICANT FOR THIS DRIVER’S LICENSE MUST FULFILL.

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

SECTION 1. Article 13, Chapter 1, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56-1-2087. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a commercial driver’s license may be issued to honorably discharged members of the United States Military, South Carolina National Guard, and military reserves who apply for the license within ninety days following their discharge from military service.

(B) An applicant for a commercial driver’s license under this section:

(1) must provide the department with evidence that he was licensed to operate a commercial motor vehicle or a vehicle equivalent to a commercial motor vehicle during his military service;

(2) must provide the department with a copy of his form DD-214 or another military discharge document;

(3) is not required to pass the knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle; and

(4) must pay a fee of twenty-five dollars to obtain the license.”

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

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