**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑3865 SO AS TO ESTABLISH NEGLIGENT DRIVING AS A MISDEMEANOR OFFENSE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 31, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑3865. A person who operates a motor vehicle in violation of any provision contained in Title 56, except those provisions that make it illegal to operate a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or another illegal substance, is guilty of misdemeanor negligent driving and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred fifty dollars.”

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

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