**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, BY ADDING ARTICLE 79 TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE LICENSED PLATES TO BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT HAVE “REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE” AND THE RECYCLING LOGO IMPRINTED ON THE PLATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCEEDS FROM THE PLATE.

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 79

Recycling Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑7940. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue special motor vehicle license plates to owners of private passenger carrying motor vehicles as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles registered in their names which shall have imprinted on the plate ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ and the recycling logo. The Carolina Recycling Association shall submit to the department for its approval a design it desires to be used for this special license plate. The Carolina Recycling Association may request a change in the design not more than once every five years. The fee for this special license plate is thirty dollars every two years in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. This special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates. This special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty‑four months from the month it is issued.

(B) The fees collected pursuant to this section above the cost of the regular motor vehicle registration fee must be distributed to the Carolina Recycling Association to promote the growth of the South Carolina recycling industry.

(C) The guidelines for the production of a special license plate under this section must meet the requirements of Section 56‑3‑8100.”

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

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