**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BY ADDING SECTION 57‑3‑740 TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE LIABLE AND REIMBURSE ANY PERSON FOR DAMAGE OR INJURIES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF IMPROPER ROAD CONDITIONS, DESIGN, OR MAINTENANCE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 57 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 57‑3‑740. The Department of Transportation shall be liable and reimburse any person who has a claim resulting from damage to property, injuries to persons, or death resulting from improper road conditions, design, or maintenance of any roadway maintained by the department. This liability is without regard to any prior notification of these hazards to the department.”

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

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