**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 108 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; AND AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑6500, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF “UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A WIDOW OR WIDOWER OF A GRADUATE OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY MAY BE ISSUED THIS SPECIAL LICENSE 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 108

United States Marine Corps Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑10810. (A) The department may issue special license plates for use on private passenger motor vehicles and motorcycles owned or leased by residents of this State which honor the United States Marines Corps. The biennial fee for the special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license plate fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title plus thirty dollars.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the fees collected pursuant to this section, the Comptroller General shall place sufficient funds into a special restricted account to be used by the Department of Motor Vehicles to defray the expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles in producing and administering the special license plates. The remaining funds collected from the special motor vehicle license fee must be distributed to the Moss Creek Marines, a 501(C)(3) organization.”

SECTION 2. Section 56‑3‑6500 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 398 of 2006, is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑6500. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘United States Naval Academy’ special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles registered in their names. The applicant must be a graduate, or the widow or widower of a graduate of the United States Naval Academy. The requirements for production and distribution of the plate are those set forth in Section 56‑3‑8100. The biennial fee for this plate is the regular registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title plus an additional fee of thirty dollars. Any portion of the additional thirty‑dollar fee not set aside by the Comptroller General to defray the costs of production and distribution must be distributed to the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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