**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 41‑27‑260, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PURPOSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN MOTOR CARRIERS THAT USE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41‑27‑260 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 63 of 2011, is further amended by adding:

“(19) an individual or entity who owns, or holds under a bona fide lease purchase or installment‑purchase agreement, a tractor trailer, tractor, or other vehicle and who, under a valid independent contractor contract provides services as a driver of the tractor trailer, tractor, or other vehicle to a motor carrier.”

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

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑