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April 27, 2016

**H. 4970**

Introduced by Rep. R.L. Brown

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1040 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT SIGNS ALONG THE STATE’S INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS THAT INFORM MOTORISTS THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES MUST TRAVEL IN THE FARTHEST RIGHT LANE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑1040. (A) The Department of Transportation shall periodically broadcast on variable message boards along the state’s interstate highways information messages that inform motorists traveling in slower moving vehicles that they must travel in the farthest right lane in either direction along all multilane portions of highway where appropriate.

(B) A motorist who violates this provision may be fined one hundred dollars.”

SECTION 2. A. Section 56‑1‑720 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑1‑720. There is established a point system for the evaluation of the operating record of persons to whom a license to operate motor vehicles has been granted and for the determination of the continuing qualifications of these persons for the privileges granted by the license to operate motor vehicles. The system shall have as its basic element a graduated scale of points assigning relative values to the various violations in accordance with the following schedule:

VIOLATION POINTS

Reckless driving 6

Passing stopped school bus 6

Hit‑and‑run, property damages only 6

Driving too fast for conditions,

or speeding:

(1) No more than 10 m.p.h. above

the posted limits 2

(2) More than 10 m.p.h. but less

than 25 m.p.h. above the

posted limits 4

(3) 25 m.p.h. or above the posted

limits 6

Disobedience of any official traffic

control device 4

Disobedience to officer

directing traffic 4

Failing to yield right of way 4

Driving on wrong side of road 4

Passing unlawfully 4

Turning unlawfully 4

Driving through or within safety

zone 4

~~Failing to give signal or giving~~

~~improper signal for stopping,~~

~~turning, or suddenly decreased~~

~~speed~~ ~~4~~

Shifting lanes without safety

precaution 2

Improper dangerous parking 2

Following too closely 4

Failing to dim lights 2

Operating with improper lights 2

Operating with improper brakes 4

Operating a vehicle in unsafe

condition 2

Driving in improper lane 2”

B. Section 56‑5‑2150 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑2150. ~~(a)~~(A) No person shall turn a vehicle or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety nor without giving an appropriate signal as provided for in this section.

~~(b)~~(B) A signal of intention to turn or move right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.

~~(c)~~(C) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal.

~~(d)~~(D) The signals required on vehicles by subsection ~~(b)~~(B) of Section 56‑5‑2180, shall not be flashed on one side only on a disabled vehicle, flashed as a courtesy or ‘do pass’ signal to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear, nor be flashed on one side only of a parked vehicle except as may be necessary for compliance with this section.

(E) A person who violates the provisions of this section must be fined twenty‑five dollars, all or part of which may not be suspended. In addition no court costs, assessments, surcharges, or points may be assessed against the person or his driving record.”

C. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

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

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