**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑3720 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO REQUIRED EQUIPMENT FOR MOPED USE UPON STATE ROADS, TO REQUIRE THAT MOPEDS BE EQUIPPED WITH A STROBE LIGHT, AND THAT A SAFETY VEST MUST BE WORN BY THE OPERATOR FOR VISIBILITY PURPOSES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑3730, RELATING TO MOPED DRIVERS’ USE OF OPERATING LIGHTS, TO REQUIRE THE USE OF A STROBE LIGHT FOR INCREASED VISIBILITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑3720 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑3720. (A) It is unlawful for a person to sell a moped for use on the public highways and streets of this State or operate a moped upon the public highways and streets of this State without operable pedals if the moped is equipped with pedals, at least one rearview mirror, operable running lights, a hideaway type strobe light or similar device, and brake lights which are operable when either brake is deployed.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to operate a moped upon the public highways and streets of this State without wearing a safety vest for visibility purposes.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days.”

SECTION 2. Section 56‑5‑3730 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑3730. The operator of a moped must have the operating and strobe lights turned on at all times while the moped is in operation on the public highways and streets of this State.”

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

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