**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑11‑55 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO COMPENSATORY TIME FOR WORKING OVERTIME, TO PROVIDE THAT OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL WILL HAVE A CHOICE BETWEEN SELECTING COMPENSATORY TIME OR PAYMENT AT ONE AND ONE‑HALF THE OFFICER’S REGULAR RATE OF PAY IN EXCHANGE FOR WORKING OVERTIME.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑11‑55 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 8‑11‑55. (A) Any state employee who is required to work overtime during any particular week may, as a result, be given compensatory time by his agency. Compensatory time, if granted, must be in accordance with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 as amended.

(B) Officers of the South Carolina Highway Patrol Division shall have the choice of selecting compensatory time or pay at one and one‑half times the officer’s regular rate of pay for each hour worked in excess of the maximum allowable hours. The officer’s choice shall be administered in accordance with the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended.”

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

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