**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 137 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETERANS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Tile 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 137

Special License Plates for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans

Section 56‑3‑13710. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue special license plates to Iraq and Afghanistan veterans for private passenger carrying motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles as defined in Section 56‑3‑20, registered in their names. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must be designed by the department. The application for this special license plate must include proof that the applicant honorably served in Iraq or Afghanistan; provided, that if the veteran also qualifies for other special license plates authorized by Section 56‑3‑10210 or 56‑3‑10310 for service during ‘Operation Enduring Freedom’ or ‘Operation Iraqi Freedom’, respectively, and those plates are available, the veteran shall specify to the department which provision he selects. Not more than two license plates may be issued to a person under this section.

(B) This special license plate is exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8100.”

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

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