**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑5850, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TAGGING, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSITION OF A VEHICLE LEFT UNATTENDED ON A HIGHWAY OR OTHER PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COLORED TAG PLACED ON THE VEHICLE BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MUST BE CAPABLE OF REFLECTING LIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑5850 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑5850. (A) When any vehicle is left unattended on a highway or on other public or private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of the property, an officer may place a reflective colored tag on the vehicle which is notice to the owner, the person in possession of the vehicle, or any lienholder that it may be considered to be derelict or abandoned and is subject to forfeiture to the State.

(B) The reflective colored tag serves as the only legal notice that the vehicle will be moved to a designated place to be sold if the vehicle is not removed by the owner or person in control of the vehicle. The vehicle must be removed within the following times from the date the tag is placed on the vehicle:

(1) forty‑eight hours if it is located on a highway, or

(2) seven days if it is located on other public or private property.

(C) A vehicle that has had at least two reflective colored tags previously placed on it is an abandoned vehicle for purposes of this article and may be removed immediately by a law enforcement agency to a designated place to be sold.

(D) Abandoned or derelict vehicles must be disposed of pursuant to Sections 29‑15‑10 and 56‑5‑5635.”

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

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