**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 14‑1‑250 SO AS TO IMPOSE A FIFTY CENT SURCHARGE ON ALL PARKING VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE FROM THE SURCHARGE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT, AND FOR MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 14 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 14‑1‑250. (A) In addition to all other assessments and surcharges required to be imposed by law, a fifty cent surcharge is also levied on all fines or other monetary penalties imposed by the court with jurisdiction over the matter, on all parking violations. No portion of this surcharge may be waived, reduced, or suspended.

(B) The revenue collected pursuant to subsection (A) must be collected by the jurisdiction which heard or processed the case and remitted to the State Treasurer pursuant to the guidelines in Section 14‑1‑220. The State Treasurer shall transfer the revenue quarterly to the State Highway Fund to be used exclusively for road and bridge repair and improvement, and for mass transit projects.

(C) The State Treasurer may request the State Auditor to examine the financial records of any jurisdiction which he believes is not timely transmitting the funds required to be paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to subsection (B). The State Auditor is further authorized to conduct these examinations and the local jurisdiction is required to participate in and cooperate fully with the examination.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2017, and applies to all parking violations occurring after that date.

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