**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑11‑55, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COMPENSATORY TIME FOR WORKING OVERTIME, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFICER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL MAY ELECT EITHER COMPENSATORY TIME OR PAYMENT AT ONE AND ONE‑HALF TIMES 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, as last amended by Act 540 of 1986, is further amended to read:

“Section 8‑11‑55. (A) ~~Any~~A state employee who is required to work overtime during ~~any~~ a particular week, as a result, may 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 may elect either compensatory time or payment 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 election must 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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