**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-2080 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE, TO REQUIRE THAT A PERSON MAY NOT BE ISSUED A CLASS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE UNLESS THAT PERSON HAS COMPLETED A HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION COURSE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56-1-2080 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( )(1) A person may not be issued a commercial driver’s license unless that person becomes a Certified Trucker Against Trafficking by completing the online certification course offered by Truckers Against Trafficking. A person must provide evidence of completion to the department with his application for a commercial driver’s license.

(2) A person who currently holds a commercial driver’s license must comply with this subsection when applying for renewal of the commercial driver’s license.

(3) A person who holds a valid commercial driver’s license issued by another state and eligible for South Carolina reciprocity must comply with this subsection if applying for a commercial driver’s license in South Carolina. If the person has been certified previously by Truckers Against Trafficking while licensed in another state, then he may present the department with proof of that earlier certification.

(4) A person is required to complete human trafficking prevention training one time only as long as the person maintains a valid commercial driver’s license.”

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

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