**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑2‑2750 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL IMPLEMENT A PROCEDURE WHEREBY IT COLLECTS MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAXES OWED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AT THE SAME TIME A PERSON REGISTERS A VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REMIT THE FUNDS COLLECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT A FEE FOR PROVIDING THIS SERVICE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 2, Chapter 2, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑2‑2750. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Department of Motor Vehicles shall implement a procedure whereby the department collects motor vehicle property taxes owed to local governmental entities at the same time a person registers a vehicle with the department. The department shall remit all local taxes it collects to the appropriate governmental entities.

(B) The department may collect a fee from each local governmental entity to defray the administrative cost of providing this service. However, under no circumstances may the department retain more than its actual administrative costs.”

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

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