**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 147 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE “AIR MEDAL” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Article 147

Air Medal Special License Plates

Section 56‑3‑14710. (A) Beginning on July 1, 2019, the Department of Motor Vehicles may issue ‘Air Medal’ special license plates to owners of private passenger‑carrying motor vehicles, as defined in Section 56‑3‑630, or motorcycles as defined in Section 56‑3‑20, registered in their names who have been awarded the Air Medal. The motor vehicle owner must present the department with a DD214, or other official documentation that states that the owner received the Air Medal, along with the owner’s application for this special license plate. The fee for this special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee contained in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title and a special license plate fee of twenty dollars. The license plates issued pursuant to this section must contain the words ‘combat veteran’ and an illustration of the Air Medal.

(B) The production and issuance of this special license plate are exempt from the provisions contained in Section 56‑3‑8100(A)(1) and (2).”

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

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