**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑6‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ITS DIVISIONS, SO AS TO DELETE THE DIVISIONS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT TRANSFERRED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CERTAIN AGENCIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS COMPRISED OF THE DIVISIONS OUTLINED IN DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A LIST OF ITS DIVISIONS ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑6‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23‑6‑20. ~~(A)~~ The Department of Public Safety is established as an administrative agency of state government which is comprised of ~~a South Carolina Highway Patrol Division, a South Carolina State Police Division, and a Division of Training and Continuing Education~~ the divisions outlined in department regulations. The department shall maintain a list of the divisions it has comprised, by year, on the department’s website.

~~(B)~~ ~~The functions, powers, duties, responsibilities, and authority statutorily exercised by the following offices, sections, departments, or divisions of the following state agencies as existing on the effective date of this act are transferred to and devolved on the department to include the South Carolina Highway Patrol and the Safety Office Section of the Division of Finance and Administration of the South Carolina Department of Highways and Public Transportation; the Safety Enforcement Officers of the Office of Enforcement within the Transportation Division of the South Carolina Public Service Commission and the Governor’s Office of Public Safety, together with all assets, liabilities, records, property, personnel, unexpended appropriations, and other funds shall be transferred to the control of the department. All rules, regulations, standards, orders, or other actions of these entities shall remain in effect unless specifically changed or voided by the department in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, or otherwise provided.~~”

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

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