**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 19‑5‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF PHOTOSTATIC OR CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATION INCLUDES COPIES OF WATERMARKED DOCUMENTS WHEN PRINTED FROM THE COMPUTER SYSTEM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19‑5‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 19‑5‑30. Photostatic, optical disk, or certified copies of motor vehicle registration applications, registrations, notices of cancellation, suspensions or revocations, reports of violations, and documents pertaining to the motor vehicle safety responsibility laws of this State, when certified by the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles, or his designee, as true copies of originals, on file with the Department of Motor Vehicles, ~~shall be~~ are admissible in any proceedings in any court in like manner as the original ~~thereof~~. Certification includes a watermark applied to a copy of the document when it is printed from the department’s computer system.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect one hundred eighty days after approval by the Governor.

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