**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑2925 SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “GREAT BODILY INJURY”, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS DRIVING THAT RESULTS IN GREAT BODILY INJURY, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 23, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑2925. (A) As used in this section, ‘great bodily injury’ means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes serious, permanent disfigurement or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ.

(B) A person is guilty of the offense of reckless driving that results in great bodily injury if he causes great bodily injury to a person other than himself while driving a motor vehicle in reckless disregard of the safety of others. A person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than three years.”

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

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