**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑140, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF DRIVER’S LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE MAY APPLY TO HAVE A SPECIAL DESIGNATION ON HER DRIVER’S LICENSE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY NOT SELL DATA COLLECTED RELATING TO DRIVER’S LICENSE DESIGNATIONS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑1‑140 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 86 of 2019, is further amended to read:

“Section 56‑1‑140. (A) Upon payment of a fee of twenty‑five dollars for a license that is valid for eight years, the department shall issue to every qualified applicant a driver’s license as applied for by law. The license must bear on it a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, a brief description and laminated colored photograph of the licensee, any marking otherwise required or in compliance with law, and a facsimile of the signature of the licensee. No license is valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. The license authorizes the licensee to operate only those classifications of vehicles as indicated on the license.

(B) An applicant for a new, renewed, or replacement driver’s license may apply to the department to obtain a veteran designation on the front of his driver’s license by providing a:

(1) United States Department of Defense discharge certificate, also known as a DD Form 214, that shows a characterization of service, or discharge status of ‘honorable’ or ‘general under honorable conditions’ and establishes the person’s qualifying military service in the United States Armed Forces;

(2) National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service, also known as an NGB Form 22, that shows a characterization of service, or discharge status of ‘honorable’ or ‘general under honorable conditions’ and establishes the person’s qualifying military service of at least twenty years in the national guard; or

(3) Veterans Identification Card (VIC) or a letter from a military reserve component notifying the recipient of the person’s eligibility for retirement pay at age sixty (twenty‑year letter). A Veterans Health Identification Card (VHIC) may not be accepted.

(C) An applicant for a new, renewed, or replacement driver’s license may apply to the department to obtain a sickle cell disease designation on the front of her driver’s license by providing an original certificate from a licensed physician, as defined in Section 40‑47‑20, that certifies that the applicant has been diagnosed with sickle cell disease.

~~(C)~~(D) The department may determine the appropriate form of the ~~veteran designation~~ designations on the driver’s license authorized pursuant to this section.

~~(D)~~(E) The fees collected pursuant to this section must be credited to the Department of Transportation State Non‑Federal Aid Highway Fund.

(F) The department may not sell data of any kind related to the driver’s license designations collected as provided in this section.”

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

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