**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 57‑3‑610, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY NAMING A HIGHWAY FACILITY IN HONOR OF AN INDIVIDUAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY NOT NAME A BUILDING, HIGHWAY FACILITY, OR CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND AFTER CERTAIN ELECTED STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HONORS AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO THIS PROVISION, IT SHALL BE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY‑FIVE YEARS UNLESS THE PERIOD IS EXTENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 57‑3‑610 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 57‑3‑610. (A) Whenever a road, bridge, or other highway facility is dedicated and named in honor of an individual by act or resolution of the General Assembly, the Department of Transportation must be reimbursed all expenses incurred by the department to implement the dedication.

(B) Reimbursement for expenses incurred by the department must first be approved by a majority of each county legislative delegation of the county in which the road, bridge, or facility is located. Reimbursement must be from the State Secondary ‘C’ Apportionment Fund of the county or counties in which the road, bridge, or facility is located, and expenses under this section are limited to five hundred dollars.

(C) Reimbursement for expenses incurred by the department to name and dedicate a highway facility pursuant to a request from other than the General Assembly must be by agreement between the requesting entity and the department.

(D) The General Assembly may not name a building, a roadway to include bridges, intersections and overpasses, a facility, a tract of land owned by a governmental entity or a program administered by a governmental entity, after an elected state or local official if the official is a sitting member of the legislative body voting to approve the name.

(E) When the General Assembly names any building, roadway to include bridges, intersections and overpasses, a facility, a tract of land owned by the State or a program administered by the State after any individual, it shall be for a period not to exceed twenty‑five years. At the expiration of the twenty‑five year period, the General Assembly may extend the current name for an additional twenty‑five years.”

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

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