**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑750, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN SIGNALED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DRIVER PROCEEDING AT OR BELOW THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT TO A REASONABLE LOCATION AND STOPS OR TO A WELL‑LIT LOCATION AND STOPS WHILE ENGAGING HIS EMERGENCY LIGHTS ARE MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES TO FAILING TO STOP WHEN SIGNALED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑750(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) In the absence of mitigating circumstances which includes, but is not limited to, a driver proceeding at or below the posted speed limit to a reasonable location and stops or, at nighttime, to a well‑lit reasonable location and stops, it is unlawful for a motor vehicle driver, while driving on a road, street, or highway of the State, to fail to stop when signaled by a law enforcement vehicle by means of a siren or flashing light. A reasonable location may not be more than a mile from the location where the law enforcement officer initiates the stop. A driver who fails to stop due to mitigating circumstances must engage his emergency flashing lights until he stops. An attempt to increase the speed of a vehicle or in other manner avoid the pursuing law enforcement vehicle when signaled by a siren or flashing light is prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. Failure to see the flashing light or hear the siren does not excuse a failure to stop when the distance between the vehicles and other road conditions are such that it would be reasonable for a driver to hear or see the signals from the law enforcement vehicle.”

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

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