**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑4445, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ELEVATING OR LOWERING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLES DRIVEN ON THE STATE’S HIGHWAYS SHALL NOT BE MODIFIED, ALTERED, OR CHANGED TO HAVE A DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN THE BACK AND FRONT OF MORE THAN FIVE INCHES WHEN NOT TOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION APPLIES TO PICKUP TRUCKS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑4445 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑4445. It shall be unlawful for ~~any~~ a person to drive a passenger motor vehicle, as contained in Section 56‑3‑630, on the highways of this State which ~~has been elevated or lowered either in front or back more than six inches~~ by a modification, alteration or change in the physical structure of the vehicle has a differential between the back and front of more than five inches when not towing another vehicle. ~~Any~~ A person violating the provisions of this section ~~shall be deemed~~ is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, ~~shall~~ must be fined not less than twenty‑five dollars nor more than fifty dollars. ~~Provided, however, this shall not apply to motor vehicles commonly called ‘pickup trucks’.~~”

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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