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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑3255 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO YIELD THE RIGHT‑OF‑WAY WHEN GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 25, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56‑5‑3255. (A) The driver of a vehicle approaching:

(1) a sidewalk;

(2) a crosswalk; or

(3) entering an intersection

that fails to yield the right‑of‑way to any pedestrian and all other traffic, and causes great bodily injury or death to a person, must be punished pursuant to the provisions contained in Section 56‑5‑6190.

(B) The term “great bodily injury,” as used in this section, means bodily injury which creates a substantial risk of death or causes serious, permanent disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of a bodily member or organ.

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

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