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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SEXUAL OFFENDER ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 56‑1‑150 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MUST PLACE A SEXUAL OFFENDER IDENTIFIER ON THE DRIVERS’ LICENSES OR SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS OF certain SEX OFFENDERS, TO PROVIDE A FEE, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Sexual Offender Act.”

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 56‑1‑150. (A) In addition to the contents of a driver’s license issued pursuant to Section 56‑1‑140 or a special identification card issued pursuant to Section 56‑1‑3350, a person who is referred to as a Tier II or Tier III offender as contained in Section 23-3-430 must have “Sex Offender” printed in red on his driver’s license or identification card.

 (B) Upon release from the Department of Corrections, a person who is identified in subsection (A) has thirty days to turn in his current driver’s license or special identification card and obtain a new driver’s license or special identification card with the required sexual offender identifier.

 (C) The Department of Motor Vehicles may charge a fee for affixing the identifier provided in subsection (A).

 (D) Upon termination of sex offender status, the person may take documentation obtained from SLED to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a driver’s license or identification card that does not contain the identifier provided in subsection (A).

 (E) A person who violates a provision contained in this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than three years and fined not more than five hundred dollars.

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

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