**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑3845 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY BY ORDINANCE MAY RESTRICT THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHO IS COMMUNICATING WITH ANOTHER PERSON BY WAY OF A WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE TO THE USE OF A HANDS‑FREE DEVICE WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 31, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑3845. A municipal governing body by ordinance may restrict the operator of a motor vehicle who is communicating with another person by way of a wireless communications device to the use of a hands‑free device while the vehicle is in motion.”

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

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