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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE BEGINNER’S PERMIT AND VEHICLE OPERATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERMITTEE MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER, OR LIGHT MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLE AT ANY UNPERMITTED TIME UNLESS SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED MOTORCYCLE, MOTOR SCOOTER, OR LIGHT MOTOR‑DRIVEN CYCLE OPERATOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ACCOMPANYING DRIVER MUST BE WITHIN A SAFE VIEWING DISTANCE OF THE PERMITTEE WHEN THE PERMITTEE IS OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE OR A THREE‑WHEEL VEHICLE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑1‑50(B)(2) and (C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2) motorcycles, motor scooters, or light motor‑driven cycles of five‑ brake horsepower or less after six o’clock a.m. and not later than six o’ clock p.m. However, beginning on the day that daylight saving time goes into effect through the day that daylight saving time ends, the permittee may operate motor scooters or light motor‑driven cycles after six o’clock a.m. and not later than eight o’clock p.m. A permittee may not operate a motorcycle, motor scooter, or light motor‑driven cycle at any other time unless supervised by ~~the permittee’s motorcycle licensed parent or guardian~~ a licensed motorcycle, motor scooter, or light motor‑driven cycle operator.

(C) The accompanying driver must: ~~occupy a seat beside the permittee, except when the permittee is operating a motorcycle. A~~ ~~three‑wheel vehicle requires the accompanying driver to be directly behind the permittee on a saddle‑type seat or beside the permittee on a bench‑type seat.~~

(1) occupy a seat beside the permittee, except when the permittee is operating a motorcycle or a three‑wheel vehicle; or

(2) be within a safe viewing distance of the permittee when the permittee is operating a motorcycle or a three‑wheel vehicle.”

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

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