**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑1‑151 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN A VETERAN DESIGNATION ON HIS DRIVERS LICENSE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56‑1‑3350, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND DRIVERS’ LICENSES THAT CONTAIN A VETERAN DESIGNATION, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER’S LICENSE MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN A VETERAN DESIGNATION ON HIS DRIVER’S LICENSE.

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

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

“Section 56‑1‑151. An applicant for a new, renewed, or replacement South Carolina driver’s license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a veteran designation on the front of his driver’s license. The department may place the designation on the driver’s license of a person who presents a:

(1) United States Department of Defense discharge certificate, also known as a DD Form 214, that shows a characterization of service or discharge status of ‘honorable’ or ‘general under honorable conditions’ and establishes the person’s qualifying military service in the United States Armed Forces. A DD Form 214 indicating medical retirement that meets the characterization of service requirements will be valid for purposes of this section. However, a DD Form 214 received solely from participation in training activities will not be valid for purposes of this section; or

(2) National Guard Separation Report, also known as a NGB Form 22, that shows a characterization of service or discharge status of ‘honorable’ or ‘general under honorable conditions’ and establishes that the person has served for twenty or more years.”

SECTION 2. Section 56‑1‑3350 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑1‑3350. (A) Upon application by a person five years of age or older, who is a resident of South Carolina, the department shall issue a special identification card as long as the:

(1) application is made on a form approved and furnished by the department;

(2) applicant presents to the person issuing the identification card a birth certificate or other evidence acceptable to the department of his name and date of birth; and

(3) applicant, who wishes to obtain a special identification card that indicates the applicant is autistic, complies with subsections (A)(1) and (2) and provides documentation that he is autistic from a physician licensed in this State, as defined in Section 40‑47‑20(35). The special identification requested must be indicated by a symbol designated by the department on the person’s special identification card.

(B) ~~An applicant for a new, renewed, or replacement South Carolina driver’s license may apply to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a veteran designation on the front of his driver’s license by providing a:~~

~~(1)~~ ~~United States Department of Defense discharge certificate, also known as a DD Form 214, that shows a characterization of service, or discharge status of “honorable” or “general under honorable conditions” and establishes the person’s qualifying military service in the United States Armed Forces; and~~

~~(2)~~ ~~payment of a one dollar fee that must be collected by the department and placed by the Comptroller General into the State Highway Fund as established by Section 57‑11‑20, to be distributed as provided in Section 11‑43‑167~~ (Reserved).

(C)(1) The fee for the issuance of the special identification card is five dollars for a person between the ages of five and sixteen years.

(2) An identification card must be free to a person aged seventeen years or older.

(D) The identification card expires five years from the date of issuance.

(E) Special identification cards issued to persons under the age of twenty‑one must be marked, stamped, or printed to readily indicate that the person to whom the card is issued is under the age of twenty‑one.

(F) The fees collected pursuant to this section must be credited to the Department of Transportation State Non‑Federal Aid Highway Fund.”

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

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