**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING THE “SAMANTHA L. JOSEPHSON RIDESHARING SAFETY ACT”; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58‑23‑1640, RELATING TO THE SAFETY INSPECTION OF TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY (TNC) VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE TNC VEHICLES IN THIS STATE TO POSSESS AND DISPLAY CERTAIN ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE AT ALL TIMES WHEN THE TNC DRIVER IS ACTIVE.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “Samantha L. Josephson Ridesharing Safety Act”.

SECTION 2. Section 58‑23‑1640(F) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(F)(1) A TNC vehicle must display a consistent and distinctive signage or emblem, which must be known as a trade dress, at all times when the TNC driver is active on the TNC digital platform or providing TNC service. The trade dress used by the TNC must be approved by the Office of Regulatory Staff before its use and:

~~(1)~~(a) must be readable during daylight hours at a distance of fifty feet;

~~(2)~~(b) must ~~be reflective,~~ include an illuminated, ~~or otherwise~~ TNC-provided sign displaying the company’s proprietary trademark or logo that is patently visible so as to be seen in darkness; and

~~(3)~~(c) may be magnetic or removable in nature.

(2) All TNC trade dress including, but not limited to, the illuminated signage described in item (1) must be returned to the TNC when a driver ceases to be employed by or work for the TNC. A TNC that does not receive back all TNC-provided trade dress furnished to a particular driver shall report in writing to the Office of Regulatory Staff the driver’s name and last known physical address, along with a list of the specific trade dress items the driver failed to return. If a driver cannot return TNC-provided trade dress items at the end of his employment with a TNC, he may provide a signed and witnessed affidavit explaining why the particular trade dress items could not be returned.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect thirty days after approval by the Governor.

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