**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑170, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE TERM “AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES” AND ITS DEFINITION, THE DISPLAY OF BLUE OR RED LIGHTS AND THE WORD “POLICE” ON CERTAIN VEHICLES, AND HOW THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN ENTITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT VEHICLES ARE “AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES”.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑170(A)(8) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(8) public and private vehicles while transporting individuals actually engaged in emergency activities because one or more occupants belong to a fire department, volunteer fire department, police department, sheriff’s office, authorized county government litter enforcement office, rescue squad, emergency management department, or volunteer rescue squad;”

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

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