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Summary: Automobile insurance revisions

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION UPON LAPSE OR TERMINATION OF THE SECURITY REQUIRED TO OPERATE THE VEHICLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE VEHICLE'S OWNER'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES ARE ALSO SUSPENDED WHEN THE VEHICLE'S REQUIRED SECURITY LAPSES OR TERMINATES: TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A PROVIDER OF INSURANCE'S OR SECURITY'S OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN AN AUTOMOBILE'S INSURANCE OR SECURITY LAPSES OR TERMINATES. SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE WHEREBY AN INSURANCE OR SECURITY PROVIDER MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN AN AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE POLICY OR SECURITY LAPSES OR TERMINATES, AND TO REVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S OBLIGATIONS TO NOTIFY A VEHICLE OWNER THAT HIS VEHICLE REGISTRATION HAS BEEN SUSPENDED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A REGISTERED VEHICLE BE INSURED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE MUST BE IN A FORM THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND THE WORKING GROUP, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY PROMULGATE A REGULATION TO REQUIRE PROOF OF INSURANCE ON CERTAIN NEW AND RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-240, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ONCE A MOTOR VEHICLE BECOMES UNINSURED, THE VEHICLE OWNER MUST OBTAIN NEW INSURANCE OR SURRENDER HIS VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PLATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON'S DRIVING PRIVILEGES ARE ALSO SUSPENDED WHEN HIS MOTOR VEHICLE BECOMES UNINSURED; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-640, RELATING TO THE MOTORIST INSURANCE DATABASE PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE WORKING GROUP SHALL ISSUE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AND ISSUE ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-10-650, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE PLATE OF AN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME A PERSON MUST VERIFY THAT HIS MOTOR VEHICLE IS INSURED OR EXEMPT FROM THE FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE HIS DRIVING PRIVILEGES AND VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES WILL BE SUSPENDED; TO AMEND SECTION 38-55-50, RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS THAT PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN THE OFFERING OF INSURANCE POLICIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED AGENT OR BROKER MAY CHARGE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR INCIDENTAL SERVICES TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH UNINSURED MOTORIST RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND THE ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 38-77-340, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS TO EXCLUDE NATURAL PERSONS FROM INSURANCE COVERAGE, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURES FOR EXECUTING THESE AGREEMENTS.

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