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(A9, R21, S358)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑70, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF VEHICULAR REQUIREMENTS DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TIME PERIOD FOR UP TO ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF REGISTRATION, PERMITTING, LENGTH, WIDTH, WEIGHT, AND LOAD ON NONINTERSTATE ROUTES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES, AND TO MAKE SUSPENSIONS OF TIME OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRTY DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED BY FEDERAL REGULATION FOR BOTH INTERSTATE AND NONINTERSTATE ROUTES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES.**

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

**State of emergency**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑70(A) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 250 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“(A)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other provision of law, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor and in the course of responding to the state of emergency:

(a) requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles traveling on noninterstate routes for up to one hundred twenty days, provided the vehicles do not exceed a gross weight of ninety thousand pounds and do not exceed a width of twelve feet;

(b) requirements relating to time of service suspensions for commercial and utility vehicles traveling on interstate and noninterstate routes are suspended for up to thirty days, unless extended for additional periods in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 390‑399.

(2) All vehicles operated upon the public highways of this State under the authority of this section must:

(a) be operated in a safe manner;

(b) maintain required limits of insurance; and

(c) be clearly identified as a utility vehicle or provide appropriate documentation indicating it is a commercial vehicle responding to the emergency.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 7th day of May, 2015.

Approved the 7th day of May, 2015.

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