**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑70(A) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF VEHICULAR REQUIREMENTS DURING A DECLARED STATE OF EMERGENCY, 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 NON‑INTERSTATE ROUTES, AND TO MAKE SUSPENSIONS OF TIME OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRTY DAYS UNLESS EXTENDED BY FEDERAL REGULATION FOR BOTH INTERSTATE AND NON‑INTERSTATE ROUTES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑70(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑70. (A) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter or any other provision of law, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor and for ~~thirty~~ up to one hundred twenty days thereafter, requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load~~, and time of service~~ are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles traveling on non‑interstate routes that do not exceed a gross weight of ninety thousand pounds and a width of twelve feet responding to the state of emergency. All time of service suspensions for commercial and utility vehicles, traveling on interstate and non‑interstate routes, shall be for thirty days, unless extended for additional periods in accordance with 49 C.F.R. 390‑399. All vehicles operated upon the public highways of this State under the authority of this section must:

(1) be operated in a safe manner;

(2) maintain required limits of insurance;

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

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

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