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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/15/2016 House Referred to Committee on **Education and Public Works**

1/10/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 150](file:///h:\hj\20170110.docx))

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1/25/2017 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Knight

1/26/2017 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Education and Public Works** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20170126.docx))

1/30/2017 Scrivener's error corrected

2/1/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj\20170201.docx))

2/1/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj\20170201.docx))

2/1/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑96 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20170201.docx))

2/2/2017 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\hj\20170202.docx))

2/2/2017 Scrivener's error corrected

2/7/2017 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20170207.docx))

2/7/2017 Senate Referred to Committee on **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20170207.docx))

4/5/2017 Senate Polled out of committee **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20170405.docx))

4/5/2017 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Transportation**

5/8/2017 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20170508.docx))

5/8/2017 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20170508.docx))

5/8/2017 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑2 ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20170508.docx))

5/9/2017 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 12](file:///h:\sj\20170509.docx))

5/10/2017 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 57](file:///h:\hj\20170510.docx))

5/10/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑101 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 57](file:///h:\hj\20170510.docx))

5/15/2017 Ratified R 101

5/19/2017 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1930, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DISTANCE THAT MUST BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN VEHICLES TRAVELING ALONG A HIGHWAY, SO AS TO REVISE THE TERM “DRIVER” TO “OPERATOR” IN REGARD TO THESE VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE OPERATOR OF ANY NONLEADING COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS AND TRAVELING IN A SERIES OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES USING COOPERATIVE ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL OR ANY OTHER AUTOMATED DRIVING TECHNOLOGY.**

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

**Exemption from section, terms revised**

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑1930 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑5‑1930. (A) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

(B) The operator of any truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district and which is following another truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger, except that this shall not prevent a truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing any vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(C) Motor vehicles being operated upon any roadway outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade whether or not towing other vehicles shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

(D) This section does not apply to the operator of any nonleading commercial motor vehicle subject to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations and traveling in a series of commercial vehicles using cooperative adaptive cruise control or any other automated driving technology.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2017.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2017.

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