COMMITTEE REPORT

January 25, 2017

**H. 3237**

Introduced by Reps. Allison, Felder and Knight

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**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3237) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by repealing Sections 57‑1‑460 and 57‑1‑470 relating to the Secretary of Transportation’s duty, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

MERITA A. ALLISON for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

This bill deletes the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation must evaluate and approve the routine operation and maintenance requests or emergency repairs that are needed for existing roads and bridges that are not included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, the bill deletes the requirement that the Secretary must provide a report on requests for routine operation and maintenance or emergency repairs, and deletes the requirement that the Commission must approve these reports.

**Department of Transportation (DOT).** The agency indicates that this bill deletes the reporting requirements and the approval of specific reports by the DOT Commission. Further, the bill does not relinquish the department’s responsibility to perform routine operation and maintenance functions or emergency repairs. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the general fund, federal funds, or other funds.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTIONS 57‑1‑460 AND 57‑1‑470 RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION’S DUTY TO EVALUATE AND APPROVE ROUTING OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUESTS OR EMERGENCY REPAIRS FOR HIGHWAY FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION’S DUTY TO REVIEW THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION’S REPORT THAT CONTAINS ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY REPAIR REQUESTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 57‑1‑460 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 2. Section 57‑1‑470 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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