**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑1965 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FREE PARKING FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO IS HANDICAPPED MUST BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN METERED OR TIMED PARKING PLACES, INCLUDING THOSE METERED OR TIMED PARKING PLACES AT AN AIRPORT, WITHOUT BEING SUBJECT TO FEES OR FINES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑1965 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 56‑3‑1965. (A) Those municipalities having marked parking spaces shall provide appropriately designated space or spaces reserved for the parking of handicapped persons.

(B) A person who is handicapped as defined in this article must be allowed to park in metered or timed parking places, including those metered or timed parking places at an airport, without being subject to parking fees or fines.

(C) This section does not apply to areas or during times in which the stopping, parking, or standing of all vehicles is prohibited or to areas which are reserved for special types of vehicles. A vehicle must display a distinguishing license plate which must be issued by the department, or a distinguishing placard which must be issued by the department, pursuant to Section 56‑3‑1960 when parked in metered or timed parking places.”

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

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