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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1120, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE BY MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE county sheriffs’ departments MAY ENFORCE THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER LAWS and provide county sheriffs’ departments must retain any fines collected for traffic tickets issued.

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

SECTION 1. Section 58-23-1120 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 58-23-1120. (A) Each for-hire motor carrier of household goods or hazardous waste for disposal must comply with orders and regulations prescribed by the Public Service Commission. The Office of Regulatory Staff may employ the necessary law enforcement personnel to enforce the provisions which apply to holders of certificates A, B, C, and certificates E and F of Public Convenience and Necessity.

 (B) The Department of Public Safety may promulgate regulations to ensure the safe operation of motor carriers. The Transport Police Division of the Department of Public Safety hasand county sheriff’s departments have exclusive authority in this State for enforcement of the commercial motor vehicle carrier laws, which include Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, Hazardous Material Regulations, and size and weight laws and regulations.

 (C) Any fines collected by a county sheriff’s department for traffic tickets issued pursuant to subsection (B) must be retained by the county sheriff’s department.

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

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