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Summary: Motor vehicle related fees, gas tax, provisions

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTIONS 56-3-930 AND 56-3-940 SO AS TO IMPOSE A HIGHWAY SAFETY FEE ON THE SALE OR LEASE OF EACH MOTOR VEHICLE, MOTORCYCLE, TRAILER, OR SEMI-TRAILER PULLED BY A TRUCK TRACTOR, AND SELF-PROPELLED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A NEW VEHICLE AND FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A USED VEHICLE, AND TO IMPOSE A BIENNIAL ROAD-USE FEE EQUAL TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ON ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE REVENUES OF THESE FEES, BY ADDING SECTION 56-31-60, SO AS TO IMPOSE A SIX DOLLAR A DAY HIGHWAY USER FEE ON RENTAL CARS, PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE FEE REVENUES, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE LICENSE TAX ON MOTOR FUELS, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD DEFINITIONS, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE LICENSE TAX ON GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL, SO AS TO EMPLOY NEW DEFINITIONS IN THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX AND TO IMPOSE A HIGHWAY USER FEE OF FIVE CENTS A GALLON ON GASOLINE, SYNTHETIC, AND BLENDED FUEL, AND FIVE CENTS A GALLON ON DIESEL FUEL AND TO ADJUST THESE USER FEES ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FOUR PERCENT, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-990, RELATING TO THE TAX ON THE BLENDING OF UNTAXED MATERIALS, SO AS TO UPDATE A DEFINITION, TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-2750, RELATING TO THE CREDITING OF MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUES TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FULL CREDITING OF THESE REVENUES AND REQUIRE A LEGISLATIVE SUPER MAJORITY TO DIVERT THESE REVENUES, TO AMEND SECTION 56-1-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE FEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE FROM TWELVE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS TO TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND PROVIDE FOR THE CREDITING OF THE REVENUES AND REQUIRE A LEGISLATIVE SUPER MAJORITY TO DIVERT THESE REVENUES, TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-3-620 AND 56-3-910, BOTH AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES AND USE OF FEE AND PENALTY REVENUES ARISING FROM VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE ON VEHICLES OWNED OR LEASED BY PERSONS UNDER SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE FROM TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS A BIENNIUM AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF THE ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND REQUIRE A LEGISLATIVE SUPER MAJORITY TO DIVERT THE REVENUES, AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-11-410, RELATING TO ROAD TAX ON MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE ROAD TAX BY THE AMOUNT OF THE DIESEL FUEL USER FEE IMPOSED BY THIS ACT.

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