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H 3838 General Bill, By Loftis, Collins, Burns, Simrill, Yow, Brannon, Jefferson, McKnight, Hosey, Bales, Hicks, Long, V.S. Moss, Pitts and Pope

Summary: Commercial Vehicle Equity and Infrastructure Improvement Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE EQUITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT ACT"; TO AMEND ARTICLE 23, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO A SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN VEHICLES ARE ASSESSED AND APPORTIONED BASED ON A ROAD USE FEE INSTEAD OF PROPERTY TAXES, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ROAD USE FEE IS DUE AT THE SAME TIME AS REGISTRATION FEES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ROAD USE FEE, AND TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SEMITRAILERS, TRAILERS, LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND BUSES FROM AD VALOREM TAXATION; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-376, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REGISTRATION PROCESS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-610, RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-660, RELATING TO REGISTRATION FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FEES FOR LICENSING AND REGISTRATION AND THE ROAD USE FEE MAY BE CREDITED OR PRORATED IF THE FEE EXCEEDS FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS INSTEAD OF EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 58-23-620, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF LOCAL FEES, SO AS TO APPORTION CERTAIN LICENSE FEES AND TAXES; BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-2600 SO AS TO EXEMPT MOTOR CARRIERS FROM AD VALOREM TAXES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2610, RELATING TO THE TAX YEAR FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2650, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES ON VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES AND BUSES MUST PAY ROAD USE FEES INSTEAD OF AD VALOREM TAXES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING MOTOR FUEL USER FEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF "ALTERNATIVE FUEL"; BY ADDING SECTION 12-28-230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE MANNER IN WHICH NATURAL GAS AND LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS MUST BE DISPENSED; TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE MOTOR FUEL USER FEE, SO AS TO IMPOSE THE FEE ON LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS AND COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS; TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-4160, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND LOADS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO THOUSAND POUNDS OF WEIGHT FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES FUELED BY NATURAL GAS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-2820, RELATING TO THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DEFINITION OF "GROSS CAPITALIZED COST".

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