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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17‑13‑35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO IS OPERATING A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE OUTSIDE HIS JURISDICTION MAY STOP ANOTHER VEHICLE IF THE VEHICLE IS BEING OPERATED IN A DANGEROUS MANNER AND ISSUE A TICKET TO ITS DRIVER FOR ANY TRAFFIC OFFENSE CHARGEABLE ON A UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET IF THE OFFENSE OCCURS IN PLAIN VIEW OF THE OFFICER.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 17‑13‑35. Notwithstanding another provision of law, every law enforcement officer of this State and its political subdivisions who is operating a law enforcement vehicle outside of his jurisdiction may stop another vehicle if the vehicle is being operated in a manner that poses a danger to the public. The officer may issue a ticket to its driver for any traffic offense chargeable on a uniform traffic ticket if the offense occurs in plain view of the officer.”

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

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