**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑3455 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BICYCLIST MAY OPERATE A BICYCLE ON A SIDEWALK WHERE ONE IS AVAILABLE AND DOES NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A BICYCLE PATH OR LANE, TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN OPERATING A BICYCLE ON A SIDEWALK, THE BICYCLIST MUST YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS AND TO PROVIDE THAT THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO TOWNS AND MUNICIPALITIES LOCATED ALONG A BEACHFRONT OR IN HIGH‑TOURIST AREAS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 27, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 56‑5‑3455. (A) A bicyclist may operate a bicycle on a sidewalk where one is available and does not have access to a bicycle path or lane.

(B) When operating a bicycle on a sidewalk, the bicyclist must yield to pedestrians.

(C) This section does not apply to sidewalks located in towns and municipalities located along a beachfront or high‑tourist areas.”

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

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