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AMENDED

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Introduced by Reps. Long, Chumley, Burns, Allison, Felder, Morgan, Taylor, Jefferson, Brown, Tallon, Yow, Ridgeway, Martin and B. Newton

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1538, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS THAT REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE APPROACHING AN EMERGENCY SCENE OR EMERGENCY VEHICLE, THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THIS SECTION, AND CERTAIN TERMS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1539 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR CERTAIN TERMS, REGULATE THE CONDUCT OF A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE APPROACHING A TRAFFIC INCIDENT SCENE, AND PROVIDE PENALTIES; TO AMEND SECTION 56‑5‑1535, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF ENDANGERMENT OF A HIGHWAY WORKER AND PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS OFFENSE, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERMS “HIGHWAY WORK ZONE” AND “HIGHWAY WORKER”; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑1537 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PROVIDE TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING TO A DRIVER OF A WRECKER OR TOWING SERVICE VEHICLE FREE OF CHARGE.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑5‑1538(I) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(I) For purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Authorized emergency vehicle’ means any ambulance, police, fire, rescue, recovery, or towing vehicle authorized by this State, county, or municipality to respond to a traffic incident.

(2) ‘Emergency services personnel’ means fire, police, ~~or~~ emergency medical services personnel (EMS), or tow truck operators responding to an emergency incident.”

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

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