**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑668 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE RESTORATION, EXHIBITION, SHOWING, AND ENJOYMENT OF CLASSIC AND ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES AS THE OFFICIAL FAMILY‑FRIENDLY PASTIME OF THE STATE.

Whereas, introduced near the start of the twentieth century, the automobile was prized for its utility in modernizing transportation. However, it did not take long for the appreciation and collection of antique cars to captivate Americans leading the first collectors to form the Antique Automobile Club of America in 1935; and

Whereas, as cars became ubiquitous in American life, car enthusiasts began developing preferences. From Model Ts and Packards, to Mustangs and foreign cars, there is a type for any collector, and a community of like‑minded people who enjoy the collection, restoration, and exhibition of antique or other classic cars; and

Whereas, whether under a shade tree, in a residential garage, or in a modern facility with all of the bells and whistles, all of these enthusiasts share the same passion: taking a discarded or neglected heap of rolling metal and turning it into a showpiece that can be appreciated for generations yet to be born; and

Whereas, even those without the resources or know‑how to acquire and restore classic cars may immerse themselves in the pastime by attending exhibitions and car shows. There is room for everyone to appreciate classic and antique cars, the old and young, the rich and poor, often all together joined in the camaraderie that comes with the love of antique and classic cars; and

Whereas, South Carolinian’s appreciation for classic and antique cars can be witnessed at any of the numerous car shows held throughout the State to include the Run to the Sun Car Show in Myrtle Beach and the Blue Ridge Fest in Pickens, both offering fun for the entire family. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑1‑668. The restoration, exhibition, showing, and enjoyment of classic and antique motor vehicles is the official family‑friendly pastime of the State.”

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

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