**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 56‑3‑14970, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES TO SERVICE MEMBERS ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS MILITARY COMPONENTS OR DESIGNATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF “UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE” SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 56‑3‑14970(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 38 of 2021, is amended to read:

“(A) The department may issue the following special license plates reflective of military service for private passenger vehicles and motorcycles to active or prior service members associated with the following military components or designations:

(1) Veteran or Veteran wheelchair if the registrant qualifies for handicapped parking pursuant to Section 56‑3‑1910(H)

(2) Female Veteran or Female Veteran wheelchair if the registrant qualifies for handicapped parking pursuant to Section 56‑3‑1910(H)

(3) Combat‑Related Disabled Veteran ‑ the registrant must have a combat‑related disability as evidenced by a letter from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs defining a combat and operations‑related disability

(4) Army

(5) Marine Corps

(6) Navy

(7) Air Force

(8) Coast Guard

(9) US Space Force

(10) National Guard‑ Army

~~(10)~~(11) National Guard‑ Air

~~(11)~~(12) National Guard‑ Retired

~~(12)~~(13) US Military Reserve‑ Army

~~(13)~~(14) US Military Reserve‑ Marine Corps

~~(14)~~(15) US Military Reserve‑ Navy

~~(15)~~(16) US Military Reserve‑ Air Force

~~(16)~~(17) US Military Reserve‑ Coast Guard

~~(17)~~(18) US Armed Forces Retired

~~(18)~~(19) State Guard.”

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

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