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Summary: Motor vehicles

### HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

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2/19/2009	House	Introduced and read first time <a href="#">HJ-7</a>
2/19/2009	House	Referred to Committee on <b>Judiciary</b> <a href="#">HJ-7</a>
1/20/2010	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Erickson
2/4/2010	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment <b>Judiciary</b> <a href="#">HJ-1</a>
2/16/2010	House	Requests for debate-Rep(s). Kennedy, Hart, Govan, R Brown, Gunn and King <a href="#">HJ-25</a>
2/17/2010	House	Amended <a href="#">HJ-189</a>
2/17/2010	House	Read second time <a href="#">HJ-192</a>
2/17/2010	House	Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 <a href="#">HJ-192</a>
2/18/2010	House	Read third time and sent to Senate <a href="#">HJ-45</a>
2/23/2010	Senate	Introduced and read first time <a href="#">SJ-12</a>
2/23/2010	Senate	Referred to Committee on <b>Judiciary</b> <a href="#">SJ-12</a>
2/26/2010	Senate	Referred to Subcommittee: Knotts (ch), Massey, Coleman

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### VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

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February 17, 2010

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**A BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION [16-3-1065](#) SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR THE TERMS "VEHICLE" AND "FALSE OR SECRET COMPARTMENT", TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OWN OR OPERATE A VEHICLE WITH A FALSE OR SECRET COMPARTMENT, TO INSTALL A FALSE OR SECRET COMPARTMENT IN A VEHICLE, AND TO SELL OR TRADE A VEHICLE WITH A FALSE OR SECRET COMPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

"Section [16-3-1065](#). (A) As used in this section:

- (1) 'Vehicle' includes, but is not limited to, cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, bicycles, aircraft, helicopters, boats, ships, yachts, and other vessels.
- (2) 'False or secret compartment' means an enclosure which is integrated into, or attached to, a vehicle and which is found to actually contain:
  - (a) an illegal controlled substance;
  - (b) an illegal firearm;
  - (c) a person concealed for unlawful purposes; or
  - (d) other contraband.

Examples of 'false or secret compartments' include, but are not limited to, false, altered, or modified fuel tanks, original factory equipment on a vehicle that has been modified, and any compartment, space, or box that is added or attached to existing compartments, spaces, or boxes of the vehicle.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly own or operate a vehicle containing a false or secret compartment.

(C) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly install, create, build, or fabricate in a vehicle a false or secret compartment.

(D) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly sell, trade, or otherwise dispose of a vehicle which is in violation of this section.

(E) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than two years, or both."

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

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