**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTIONS 48‑52‑210 AND 48‑52‑420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BOTH RELATING TO THE STATE ENERGY POLICY, SO AS TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AND TO ENSURE THAT ANY STATE ENERGY STRATEGY THAT PROMOTES CARBON‑FREE, NONGREENHOUSE GAS EMITTING SOURCES INCLUDES NUCLEAR ENERGY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48‑52‑215 TO DEFINE “RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES” FOR PURPOSES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48‑52‑210(B)(4) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(4) encourage the development and use of nuclear energy and indigenous, renewable energy resources;”

SECTION 2. Section 48‑52‑210(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding at the end:

“(12) ensure that any future energy strategy that promotes carbon‑free, nongreenhouse gas emitting sources includes nuclear energy and renewable energy resources.”

SECTION 3. Section 48‑52‑420 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding at the end:

“(12) ensure that any future energy strategy that promotes carbon‑free, nongreenhouse gas emitting sources includes nuclear energy and renewable energy resources.”

SECTION 4. Article 2, Chapter 52, Title 48 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 48‑52‑215. For purposes of this chapter, ‘renewable energy resources’ means solar photovoltaic energy, solar thermal energy, wind power, hydroelectric, geothermal energy, tidal energy, recycling, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, biomass energy, and landfill gas.”

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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