**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑2‑270 SO AS TO PROVIDE A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY THE AUTHORITY TO LIMIT OR REGULATE THE HOURS OF OPERATION ON A REASONABLE BASIS OF CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SELL BEER, WINE, OR ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS FOR ON‑PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “LOCAL GOVERNING BODY”.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 2, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61‑2‑270. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a local governing body, in its discretion, may limit or regulate, on a reasonable basis, the hours of operation of retail establishments licensed to sell beer or wine pursuant to Article 5, Chapter 4 or alcoholic liquors pursuant to Subarticle 1, Article 3, Chapter 6 for on‑premises consumption. Limiting or regulating the hours of operation of an establishment on a reasonable basis as provided in this subsection includes, but it is not limited to, taking notice of the appropriate zoning restrictions and uses in the area.

(B) For purposes of this section, ‘local governing body’ means the governing body of a county or municipality.”

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

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