**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑720, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS AS A COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER OF A PARTICIPATING COUNTY, AND WHO IS ALSO ELIGIBLE TO ELECT COVERAGE AS THE SPOUSE OF A COVERED EMPLOYEE OR RETIREE, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE INSURANCE PLANS AS EITHER AN EMPLOYEE OR A SPOUSE, BUT NOT BOTH.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑720 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 353 of 2008, is further amended by adding at the end to read:

“(D) A person who is eligible to participate in the state health and dental insurance plans under this section as a council member of a participating county and who is also eligible to participate as the spouse of a covered employee or retiree may choose to participate in the insurance plans as either an employee or a spouse, but not both.”

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

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