**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11‑35‑52 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A TWENTY‑FIVE PERCENT SET‑ASIDE FOR GOVERNMENTAL BODIES AND LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS SUBJECT TO THE STATE CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE FOR CONTRACTS FOR GOODS OR SERVICES ENTERED INTO OUTSIDE OF THE PROCUREMENT CODE WITH VENDORS WHO ARE LEGAL RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 35, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 11‑35‑52. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a governmental body or local political subdivision otherwise subject to this chapter may set aside twenty‑five percent of its procurement funds for the contracting of goods and services outside the provisions of this chapter from a vendor who is a legal resident of this State and whose employees are legal residents of this State.”

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

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