**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑180 SO AS TO REQUIRE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES TO ASSESS AND COLLECT BUSINESS LICENSE FEES ANNUALLY ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑1‑180. Notwithstanding another provision of law, after December 31, 2011, all local business license fees charged by local governing bodies for doing business within an incorporated area or an unincorporated area of a county in this State must be assessed and collected annually on a calendar year basis.”

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

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