**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑7‑125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, BY ORDINANCE, MAY PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF A MUNICIPAL FIRE TRUCK COMPANY OR OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MAY DIRECT AND CONTROL TRAFFIC AT THE SCENE OF ANY FIRE IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OR ORDINANCES OF THE MUNICIPALITY RELATING TO THE FOLLOWING OF A FIRE APPARATUS, THE CROSSING OF A FIRE HOSE, AND INTERFERING WITH FIREMEN IN THE DISCHARGE OF THEIR DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH A FIRE IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH LAWS OR ORDINANCES BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 7, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5‑7‑125. The governing body of a municipality, by ordinance, may provide that all members of a municipal fire truck company or other employees of the fire department may direct and control traffic at the scene of any fire in the municipality and enforce the laws of this State or ordinances of the municipality relating to the following of a fire apparatus, the crossing of a fire hose, and interfering with firemen in the discharge of their duties in connection with a fire in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of such laws or ordinances by law enforcement or code enforcement officers.”

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

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