**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑17‑55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE LOBBYING.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑17‑55. It is unlawful for a state agency, instrumentality, or department to expend public funds in order to contract with a lobbyist as defined in Section 2‑17‑10(13).”

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

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