**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑11‑83, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION FOR STATE EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION DUES, SO AS TO ALLOW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR THE SOCIETY OF FORMER AGENTS OF THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION TO BE DEDUCTED FROM THE COMPENSATION OF STATE RETIREES AND PAID OVER TO THE ASSOCIATION IN THE SAME MANNER OTHER MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DEDUCTED AND PAID.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑11‑83 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 111 of 1995, is further amended to read:

“Section 8‑11‑83. (A) The Comptroller General and all other state agencies, upon request of employees of the State, shall make deductions from the compensation of the employees for the payment of membership dues for the South Carolina State Employees’ Association and for the South Carolina Troopers’ Association. The Comptroller General and state agencies shall pay over to the respective associations all amounts so collected or withheld. Retirees from a state agency also may have withheld from their state retirement benefits their membership dues for the South Carolina State Employees’ Association and for the South Carolina Troopers’ Association. No deduction is permitted if the associations at any time engage in collective bargaining or encourage their members to strike.

(B) ~~No~~ Membership dues or any portion ~~thereof~~ of them which are deducted pursuant to this section may not be paid to ~~any~~ a national or ~~multi‑state~~ multistate association or group.

(C) Dues for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association ~~may~~ also may be deducted from the compensation of state employees and retirees and paid over to this association in the same manner other dues under this section are deducted and paid over. The same restrictions and conditions ~~as~~ that apply to the other deductions under this section also apply to the deductions of dues for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association.

(D) Membership dues for the Society of Former Agents of the State Law Enforcement Division also may be deducted from the compensation of state retirees and paid over to this association in the same manner other dues are deducted and paid pursuant to this section. The same restrictions and conditions that apply to the other deductions enumerated in this section also apply to the deduction of dues for the Society of Former Agents of the State Law Enforcement Division.”

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

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