**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CHANGE OF CORPORATE LIMITS FOR MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 5-3-20, TO ALLOW MUNICIPALITIES WITH FEWER THAN EIGHT THOUSAND RESIDENTS AND FEWER THAN ELEVEN SQUARE MILES TO ANNEX CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY, BY ORDINANCE, UPON FINDING THAT THE PROPERTY IS BLIGHTED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5-3-20. A municipality with fewer than eight thousand residents and fewer than eleven thousand square miles may annex commercial property, by ordinance, upon a finding that the commercial property, including its improvements, constitutes a danger to the safety and health of the community by reason of lack of ventilation, light, and sanitary facilities; dilapidation; deleterious land use; or any combination of these factors.”

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

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