**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 48‑39‑130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERMITS TO UTILIZE CRITICAL AREAS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ISSUE GENERAL PERMITS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48‑39‑130 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 197 of 2016, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) The department, in its discretion, may issue a general permit when the issuance of the general permit would advance the implementation of the goals, policies, and purposes contained in Sections 48‑39‑20, 48‑39‑30, and 48‑39‑280.”

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

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