**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑17‑15, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS A LOBBYIST, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIAL CLOSE HIS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BEFORE SERVING AS A LOBBYIST; AND TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑755, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MEMBERS, OR EMPLOYEES SERVING AS A LOBBYIST, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIAL CLOSE HIS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BEFORE SERVING AS A LOBBYIST.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2‑17‑15(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) The Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, ~~any other~~ another statewide constitutional officer, a member of the General Assembly, a director or deputy director of a state department appointed by the Governor, and a member of the immediate family of any of these public officials may not serve as a lobbyist during the time the official holds office and for one year after ~~such~~ the official’s public service ends and the official’s campaign account is closed.”

SECTION 2. Section 8‑13‑755 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 8‑13‑755. A former public official, former public member, or former public employee holding public office, membership, or employment on or after January 1, 1992, ~~may not~~ for a period of one year after terminating his public ~~service or~~ employment or terminating his public service and closing his campaign account, may not:

(1) serve as a lobbyist or represent clients before the agency or department on which he formerly served in a matter ~~which~~ that he directly and substantially participated during his public service or employment; or

(2) accept employment if the employment:

(a) is from a person who is regulated by the agency or department on which the former public official, former public member, or former public employee served or was employed; and

(b) involves a matter in which the former public official, former public member, or former public employee directly and substantially participated during his public service or public employment.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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