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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15‑77‑60 SO AS TO RESTRICT AN ATTORNEY, HIS LAW FIRM, AND ANY OF THE LAW FIRM’S ENTITIES OR SUBSIDIARIES FROM REPRESENTING THE STATE FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE FILING OF A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE IN WHICH THE ATTORNEY OR THE FIRM IS ENGAGED.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 77, Title 15 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 15‑77‑60. An attorney, his law firm, and any of the law firm’s entities or subsidiaries engaged in a civil lawsuit against the State in which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party defendant in the civil action and incurs attorney’s fees in defense of the action, are prohibited from representing the State or any of its political subdivisions in a civil action for a period of three years from the filing of the civil lawsuit against the State.”

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

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