**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑3‑370 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN A MUNICIPALITY ANNEXES PROPERTY IN A COUNTY THAT HAS A LAND USE OR ZONING POLICY, PLAN, REGULATION, OR ORDINANCE AND THE MUNICIPALITY DENSITY ALLOWANCE OR REGULATIONS ALLOW FOR A GREATER DENSITY THAN THE COUNTY ALLOWS, THEN THE COUNTY DENSITY REQUIREMENT MUST REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR FIVE YEARS AFTER THE ANNEXATION.

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 5‑3‑370. When a municipality annexes property in a county that has a land use or zoning policy, plan, regulation, or ordinance and the municipality density allowance or regulations allow for a greater density than the county allows, then the county density requirement must remain in effect for five years after the annexation.”

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

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