**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑7‑70 SO AS TO REQUIRE MUNICIPALITIES THAT COLLECT WATER OR SEWER MAINTENANCE FEES TO USE THESE FEES ONLY TO MAINTAIN THE WATER OR SEWER SERVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 7, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5‑7‑70. A municipality that collects a water or sewer maintenance fee is required to expend monies from these fees to maintain the water or sewer systems and these fees may not be used for other purposes.”

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

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