**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR ENTITY BY REGULATION OR OTHERWISE MAY ADMINISTRATIVELY INCREASE OR IMPLEMENT A FEE FOR PERFORMING A SERVICE OR FUNCTION, OR A CIVIL PENALTY OR FINE FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A REQUIREMENT OR PROVISION OF LAW UNDER ITS JURISDICTION WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF THE INCREASED OR NEW FEE, FINE, OR PENALTY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE THAT GENERAL APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JOINT RESOLUTION OF A REGULATION OF A STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT WHEREIN A FEE, FINE, OR PENALTY INCREASE OR IMPOSITION IS CONTAINED DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, AND IF AN INCREASE OR IMPLEMENTATION IS CONTAINED IN THAT JOINT RESOLUTION, THE INCREASE OR IMPLEMENTATION IS NULL AND VOID; TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DURATION OF THIS PROVISION.

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

SECTION 1. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning on the effective date of this section, no state agency, department, or entity by regulation or otherwise may administratively increase or implement a fee for performing a service or function, or a civil penalty or fine for failure to comply with a requirement or provision of law under its jurisdiction without the specific approval of the increased or new fee, fine, or penalty by the General Assembly by concurrent resolution. General approval by the General Assembly by joint resolution of a regulation of a state agency or department under the administrative procedures act wherein a fee, fine, or penalty increase or imposition is contained does not constitute approval under the requirements of this section, and if an increase or implementation is contained in that joint resolution, the increase or implementation is null and void.

(B) The provisions of this section do not apply to any fees or charges made by schools or colleges to students of the institution for activities or materials provided or furnished to those students.

(C) The provisions of this section expire on July 1, 2010, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly by law.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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