**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 387 OF 1963, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE IRMO FIRE DISTRICT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF FIRE CONTROL TO ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT A BUILDING WITHIN THE DISTRICT IS MAINTAINED PROPERLY AND DOES NOT PRESENT A FIRE OR SAFETY HAZARD; AND TO CONVEY TO A FIRE CHIEF OR HIS DESIGNEE THE SAME AUTHORITY THAT A PEACE OFFICER HAS TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS AND OTHER LAWS PROMULGATED OR ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Act 387 of 1963 is amended by adding:

“(i) To adopt rules and regulations as it considers necessary to ensure that any land or building in the fire district is maintained properly and does not present a fire or safety hazard. Before final adoption of these rules and regulations not less than two public hearings must be held for comments.”

SECTION 2. Section 8 of Act 387 of 1963 is amended to read:

“Section 8. All members of the truck company of the district may direct and control traffic at the scene of any fire in the area of the county and enforce the laws of this State relating to the following of fire apparatus, the crossing of fire hose, and interfering with firemen in the discharge of their duties in connection with a fire in a like manner as provided for the enforcement of ~~such~~ these laws by peace officers. A fire chief or his designee has the same authority that a peace officer has to enforce rules and regulations adopted and other laws that affect the mission of the fire district.”

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

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