**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑15‑65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT ASSESS A REAL PROPERTY OWNER A SEWER SERVICE FEE OR SEWER CONNECTION FEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH OR WITHOUT A BILL FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER WHEN THE PROPERTY OWNER DOES NOT USE THE SEWER COLLECTION SERVICE AND HAS HIS OWN SEPTIC OR SEWER SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑15‑65. Notwithstanding another provision of this chapter, a real property owner may not be assessed a sewer service fee or sewer connection fee, collected by means of a bill for the provision of water service or by a separate bill. This prohibition applies only if the real property owner does not use the sewer service and has his own septic or sewer system.”

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

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