**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 46‑3‑290 SO AS TO TRANSFER THE LAND RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO PROVIDE THAT UPON THIS TRANSFER THE LAND RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION DISTRICTS DIVISION AND ANY SOIL AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN THIS STATE ARE NO LONGER SUBJECT TO THE DIRECTION OF ANY ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL OTHER THAN THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES, APPROPRIATIONS, PROPERTY, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 46 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 46‑3‑290. (A) The Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division of the Department of Natural Resources is transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. Notwithstanding another provision of law, upon this transfer, the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division is under the sole direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture and neither it nor a Soil and Conservation District created by it may be under the direction of the Department of Natural Resources.

(B) The functions, powers, and duties of the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division are conveyed with the transfer of that division to the Department of Agriculture, and all employees, authorized appropriations, real and personal property, and any other assets and liabilities of the Land Resources and Conservation Districts Division are transferred to the Department of Agriculture.”

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

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