**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 2‑17‑110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ACTS PROHIBITED BY LOBBYISTS, LOBBYISTS’ PRINCIPALS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT LOBBYISTS’ PRINCIPALS FROM OFFERING, MAKING, OR FACILITATING A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR A STATEWIDE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER FROM DECEMBER THIRTY‑FIRST THROUGH JUNE FIRST OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2‑17‑110 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 344 of 2006, is further amended by adding at the end to read:

“(K)(1) From December thirty‑first through June first of the calendar year immediately following, a lobbyist’s principal may not offer, make, or facilitate a contribution, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300(7), to a member of the General Assembly or to a statewide constitutional officer.

(2) From December thirty‑first through June first of the calendar year immediately following, no member of the General Assembly or statewide constitutional officer may solicit or accept a contribution, as defined in Section 8‑13‑1300(7).

(3) A person found guilty of violating this section is subject to the penalties contained in Section 2‑17‑130.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies for calendar years beginning after December 31, 2011.

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