**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 48‑20‑100, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO ASSESS AND COLLECT CERTAIN FEES RELATING TO MINING, SO AS TO SET A SCHEDULE OF FEES THAT MUST BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED RELATING TO CERTAIN MINING ACTIVITIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48‑20‑100 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 48‑20‑100. (A) The department ~~may~~ shall assess and collect fees to assist with the costs of administering the provisions of this chapter as follows:

(1) mining permit application fee, six hundred dollars;

(2) mining permit conversion (renewal) fee, six hundred dollars;

(3) substantial modification fee, six hundred dollars;

(4) transfer fee, six hundred dollars;

(5) certificate of exploration fee, three hundred dollars;

(6) annual operating fee, general mine permit, six hundred twenty‑five dollars;

(7) annual operating fee, individual mine permit, one thousand one hundred twenty‑five dollars; and

(8) annual operating fee late penalty, fifty dollars.

(B) All appropriate fees must be received by the department before processing and approving an application as referenced in this chapter.”

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

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