**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTION, OR ENTITY MAY BE REQUIRED TO USE A TELEPHONE GREETING OF “IT’S A GREAT DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA” OR ANOTHER SIMILAR GREETING CONNOTING THE ADVANTAGES OF OR A PLEASANT DEMEANOR IN THIS STATE SO LONG AS CERTAIN CONDITIONS EXIST IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

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

“Article 27

State Agency and Department Telephone Greeting

Section 1‑1‑1710. No state agency, department, institution, or entity may be required to use a telephone greeting of ‘it’s a great day in South Carolina’ or another similar greeting connoting the advantages of or a general pleasant demeanor in this State so long as any of the following conditions apply:

(1) the state’s unemployment rate equals or exceeds five percent;

(2) all citizens of this State do not have health insurance;

(3) state school funding for grades K‑12 and for higher education is not sufficient to ensure that all students are prepared for the twenty‑first century; or

(4) the rural infrastructure of this State is not adequate to allow rural areas to compete for new business and industry on an equal basis with urban areas of this State.”

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

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