**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2‑17‑55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FROM EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS TO HIRE OR CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE LOBBYING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 17, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑17‑55. Notwithstanding another provision of law, it is unlawful for the Office of the Governor to expend public funds in order to hire or contract with a person whose activities include lobbying the General Assembly.”

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

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