**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 48‑23‑300 SO AS TO PROVIDE A MAJOR FACILITY PROJECT REQUESTING THIRD‑PARTY CERTIFICATION MAY NOT SEEK A RATING POINT THAT WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOOD PRODUCTS OF THIS STATE DERIVED FROM FORESTLANDS CERTIFIED BY THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE OR THE AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 23, Title 48 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 48‑23‑300. A major facility project, as defined in Section 48‑52‑810(10), requesting third‑party certification may not seek a rating point that would discriminate against wood products of this State derived from forestlands certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative or the American Tree Farm System.”

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

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