**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑22‑280, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENT TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY FULL‑TIME EMPLOYEES OR OTHER PERSONNEL OF A MANUFACTURING COMPANY, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40‑22‑280(A) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 55 of 2012, is further amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) the activities of full‑time employees of a manufacturing company or other personnel under the direct supervision and control of the manufacturing company, or a subsidiary of the manufacturing company, on or in connection with activities related to the research, development, design, fabrication, production, assembly, integration, installation, or service of products manufactured by the manufacturing company. This exemption does not apply to activities where the seal of a professional engineer is expressly required by statute, regulation, or building code, or to engineering services offered to the public. For the purposes of this item, ‘manufacturing company’ means a company that produces or assembles tangible personal property and ‘other personnel’ includes individuals employed by a staffing company working for the manufacturing company.”

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

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