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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 7, TITLE 5 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATED TO MUNICIPALITIES, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑7‑320, TO PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION OF SANCTUARY CITY ORDINANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 6‑1‑170 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION SANCTUARY CITY ORDINANCES.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be referred to and cited as “The Prohibition of Sanctuary Cities Act”.

SECTION 2. Chapter 7, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5‑7‑320. (A) No municipality may have in effect any policy, ordinance, or procedure that limits or restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.

(B) No municipality shall do any of the following related to information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual:

(1) prohibit law enforcement officials or agencies from gathering information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status;

(2) direct law enforcement officials or agencies not to gather information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status; and

(3) prohibit the communication of information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status to federal law enforcement agencies.”

SECTION 3. Section 6‑1‑170 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(F)(1) No political subdivision of this State may have in effect any policy, ordinance, or procedure that limits or restricts the enforcement of federal immigration laws to less than the full extent permitted by federal law.

(2) No political subdivision of this State shall do any of the following related to information regarding the citizenship or immigration status, lawful or unlawful, of any individual:

(a) prohibit law enforcement officials or agencies from gathering information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status;

(b) direct law enforcement officials or agencies not to gather information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status; and

(c) prohibit the communication of information related to an individual’s citizenship or immigration status to federal law enforcement agencies.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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