**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 32, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑32‑41 TO PROHIBIT RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREE EXERCISE OF SPEECH OR RELIGION DURING THE COURSE OF ANY LOCALITY, MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER STATE INSTRUMENTALITY PROCEEDING IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OR ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 32, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑32‑41. No locality, municipality, county, or other instrumentality of this State may restrict the free exercise of speech or religion during the course of any of its proceedings in violation of the First Amendment of the United States or Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution of South Carolina.”

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

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