**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57‑1‑100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CERTAIN APPURTENANCES THAT ARE NEEDED TO CONSTRUCT THE PROJECT ARE EXEMPT FROM ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES AND LAWS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE REQUIRE IT TO OBTAIN LOCAL PERMITS AND ZONING AUTHORIZATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 57 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 57‑1‑100. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a highway construction project approved by the Department of Transportation and all appurtenances to the project that have received environmental permitting by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, regardless of whether the permits favor the Department of Transportation directly or indirectly through its contractor or subcontractor, are exempt from all local ordinances and laws that would otherwise require the project to obtain local permits, zoning authorizations, or both for items associated with the project.”

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

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