**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑1‑15 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO AGENCY, OFFICIAL, OR EMPLOYEE OF THIS STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF SHALL ENFORCE OR IMPOSE A CIVIL, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR CRIMINAL SANCTION OR PENALTY WHICH PENALIZES OR OTHERWISE PUNISHES IN ANY MANNER AN INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY FOR ITS REFUSAL TO PROVIDE GOODS OR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A MARRIAGE OF TWO INDIVIDUALS OF LIKE GENDER.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑1‑15. No agency, official, or employee of this State or any political subdivision thereof shall enforce or impose a civil, administrative, or criminal sanction or penalty which penalizes or otherwise punishes in any manner an individual or entity for its refusal to provide goods or services in connection with a marriage of two individuals of like gender.”

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

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