**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 57‑5‑1655 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTOR OR CONTRACTING FIRM SHALL NOT BE QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS AS A PRIME CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 57 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 57‑5‑1655. A contractor or contracting firm shall not be qualified to participate in Department of Transportation contracts as a prime contractor or subcontractor, if:

(1) the contractor or contracting firm is owned, in whole or in part, by a trust that benefits a person or firm who has been disqualified for bidding on department contracts, or a disqualified person’s family; or

(2) the disqualified person or firm provides financial support or loans to the contractor or contracting firm.”

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

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