**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 8‑13‑757 SO AS TO REQUIRE A ONE YEAR WAITING PERIOD BEFORE A FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY ACCEPT COMPENSATION TO APPEAR BEFORE OR COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FORMER STATE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING ACTION, AND TO PROHIBIT SUCH COMMUNICATION PERMANENTLY IF THE MATTER IS ONE WHICH THE PERSON WAS DIRECTLY AND SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED WHILE EMPLOYED.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 8‑13‑757. (A) In addition to any other provision of this chapter, a former public employee holding employment on or after January 1, 2018, for a period of one year after terminating his employment, may not accept compensation to appear before or communicate with their former state agency for the purpose of influencing action.

(B) In addition to any other provision of this chapter, a former public employee holding employment on or after January 1, 2018, is prohibited from accepting compensation to appear before or communicate with their former state agency for the purpose of influencing action on matters which the person was directly and substantially involved while employed.”

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

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