**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑730, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MAY CHOOSE TO PURCHASE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE THROUGH THE STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS PROVIDED THAT HE PAYS THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE SHARE OF THE COST.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑730 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( ) An active volunteer firefighter who is eligible for the income tax deduction pursuant to Section 12‑6‑1140, may choose to purchase health and dental insurance through the state health and dental plans for himself and his eligible dependents provided that he pays the employer and employee share of the cost.”

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

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