**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-710 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSOLIDATED PROCUREMENT CODE, TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR PURCHASES NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE OF THE DEPARTMENT’S EMPLOYEES OR INMATES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-35-710 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“(15) purchases by the Department of Corrections necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the department’s employees or inmates.”

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

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