**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 10‑1‑165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ERECTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR THE RENAMING OR REDEDICATION OF STRUCTURES, STREETS, PARKS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE, INCLUDING SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10‑1‑165(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) No Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish‑American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native American, or African‑American History monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State ~~or any of its political subdivisions~~ under state governmental jurisdiction and control may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. No street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, or other public area of the State ~~or any of its political subdivisions~~ under state governmental jurisdiction and control dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure or historic event may be renamed or rededicated. No person may prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to any monument, memorial, or property under the jurisdiction and control of a political subdivision of this State, a school district, or a public institution of higher learning as defined in Section 59‑103‑5.”

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

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