**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 48‑23‑260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SHARING STATE FOREST LAND REVENUES WITH COUNTIES, SO AS TO EXCLUDE THE PROCEEDS FROM LAND RENTALS AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PAYMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS TO BE SHARED WITH THE COUNTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48‑23‑260 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 48‑23‑260. The State Treasurer shall pay to any county containing State forest lands an amount equal to twenty‑five per cent of the gross proceeds received by the State in each fiscal year from the sale of timber, pulpwood, poles, gravel, ~~land rentals~~ and other privileges on ~~such~~ State forest lands in any ~~such~~ county. The proceeds from land rentals and Wildlife Management Area payments are excluded from the provisions of this section. This provision ~~shall~~ must apply to all State forest lands managed or operated by the State Commission of Forestry whether they be owned in fee by the State or leased from the United States, but this provision ~~shall~~ does not apply to State parks. The funds herein provided for ~~shall~~ must be spent for general school purposes. Where a particular State forest lies in more than one county or school district, the funds derived from ~~such~~ the State forest and to be paid by the State Treasurer ~~shall~~ must be apportioned on the basis of land acreage involved. All funds distributed under the provisions of this section ~~shall~~ must be spent upon the approval of a majority of the county legislative delegation, including the Senator.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2019.

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