**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑1520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING ANOTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF CHAPTER 13, TITLE 8 CONSTITUTES SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR THE REMOVAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL, PUBLIC MEMBER, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE FROM HIS OFFICE, POSITION, OR EMPLOYMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑1520 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 8‑13‑1520. (A)(1) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this chapter, a person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(2) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a violation of any provision of this chapter constitutes sufficient cause for the removal of a public official, public member, or public employee from his office, position, or employment.

(B) A person who violates any provision of this Article 13 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred percent of the amount of contributions or anything of value that should have been reported pursuant to the provisions of this Article 13 but not less than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(C) A violation of the provisions of this chapter does not necessarily subject a public official to the provisions of Section 8‑13‑560.”

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

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