**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO AMEND RULE 10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 10.14 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DELIVERY OF GIFTS PROVIDED BY LOBBYISTS’ PRINCIPALS TO MEMBERS’ OFFICES OR THE CHAMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR DISTRIBUTION OR PLACEMENT ON THE MEMBERS’ DESKS, TO ALLOW AN OPT-IN PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE SHALL STRICTLY ENFORCE THIS RULE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That Rule 10 of the Rules of the House of Representatives is amended by adding:

“**10.14** (A) Gifts intended for members of the House of Representatives, whether individually or collectively as a body, may not be delivered to the chamber of the House of Representatives for distribution or placement on members’ desks. A gift may be delivered to the members’ offices with the presumption under penalty of perjury that the gift is not reportable on the member’s Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. When, however, the gift is reportable on the member’s Statement of Economic Interests pursuant to Section 8-13-710, the individual or officer providing the gift must deliver correspondence to the offices of the members of the House announcing their intention to provide a gift to the members and at that time must provide a statement of value to the House Ethics Committee. A member may choose to opt in to the receipt of all or specific gifts to be delivered to the member’s office by notifying the appropriate giver of the gift in writing of such desire within seven (7) days of receipt of correspondence.

(B) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall strictly enforce the provisions of this rule.”

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