**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11‑1‑130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO TEST BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 11‑1‑130. (A) A state agency or political subdivision of this State may not expend any funds to perform, and may not require otherwise, the testing of an authorized backflow prevention device installed between a public water system and another water source more than once every five years by a certified tester.

(B) For purposes of this section, ‘backflow protection device’ means any device approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control for use in preventing backflow under prescribed limited conditions of use.”

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

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