**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “SAFE WATER ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 44‑55‑125 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PRIVATE OR PUBLIC UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY OPERATING A PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM TO PROVIDE THE WATER PURIFICATION LEVELS FOR THE WATER PROVIDED BY THE UTILITY OR MUNICIPALITY AND THE MINIMUM WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

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

SECTION 1. This act must be known and may be cited as the “Safe Water Act”.

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 55, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑55‑125. A private or public utility or municipality operating a public water system must provide the water purification levels for the water provided by the utility or municipality during a previous billing cycle in comparison with the minimum state water quality standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act on the customer’s water bill.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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