**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑1‑686 SO AS TO DESIGNATE “DUM SPIRO SPERO” TRANSLATED AS “WHILE I BREATHE, I HOPE” AS THE OFFICIAL CHORAL ANTHEM OF THE STATE.

Whereas, the lyrics of the song “While I Breathe, I Hope” are “From the Blue of coastal waters to the green of mountainsides. We stand as sons and daughters of those who bled and died to defend our common interest so we might live and breathe. We take this freedom given and build upon their dreams. Dum spiro spero, while we breathe we hope. Hope enough for all who dwell here under Carolina skies. Hope for tomorrow that begins with us today, and will last for generations for all who chose to stay.” Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑1‑686. ‘Dum Spiro Spero’ translated as ‘While I Breathe, I Hope’ is the official choral anthem of the State.”

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

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