**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58‑1‑70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC UTILITY THAT SUPPLIES ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 58 MUST EXEMPT RATEPAYERS SIXTY‑FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER FROM ANY SURCHARGE RELATED TO THE COLLECTION OF PAYMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 58 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 58‑1‑70. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a public utility that supplies electricity or natural gas pursuant to the provisions of this title must exempt ratepayers sixty‑five years of age or older from any surcharge related to the collection of payments.”

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

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