**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 37‑29‑110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PALMETTOPRIDE, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO THE BOARD; TO AMEND SECTION 37‑29‑130, RELATING TO FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO PALMETTOPRIDE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PALMETTOPRIDE SHALL FLOW THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM SHALL TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Whereas, PalmettoPride has been fighting litter for twenty years with the primary goal to engage citizens to take responsibility for litter prevention. PalmettoPride has helped more than 640,000 volunteers remove 73 million pounds of litter from South Carolina roads and natural areas; and

Whereas, the General Assembly believes that collaboration with the Department of Transportation can improve coordination of litter and beautification projects in a cost effective manner to help PalmettoPride achieve its goals. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Section 37‑29‑110 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 1 of 2019, is further amended to read:

“Section 37‑29‑110. PalmettoPride is governed by a board of directors composed of ~~eleven~~ twelve members to be appointed as follows: five members of the public must be appointed by the Governor; three members must be appointed by the President of the Senate, to include one Senator and two members of the public; three members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to include one member of the House of Representatives and two members of the public; and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, or his designee. The members of the board shall elect the chairman of the board from among the public members. The board members shall serve terms of four years. A vacancy that occurs on the board must be filled by appointment by the Governor, the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as appropriate, for the remainder of the unexpired term.”

SECTION 2. Section 37‑29‑130 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 37‑29‑130. PalmettoPride may accept gifts, bequests, and grants from any person or foundation, and also may receive and expend public funds appropriated to it or authorized by the General Assembly. Receipt of funds allocated to PalmettoPride shall flow through the Department of ~~Parks, Recreation and Tourism~~ Transportation. Monies designated to the PalmettoPride‑Litter Control Program pursuant to Section 14‑1‑208(10) must not be transferred or used for a purpose other than PalmettoPride‑Litter Control. Unexpended funds must be carried forward and used only for authorized purposes.”

SECTION 3. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism shall transfer all funds appropriated or otherwise earmarked for PalmettoPride to the Department of Transportation within ten days of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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