**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 46‑3‑290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A “CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF” DESIGNATION AND TO PROVIDE LABELS FOR ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47‑17‑160 SO AS TO ALLOW BEEF PRODUCERS IN THIS STATE TO CARRY A “CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF” DESIGNATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3, Title 46 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 46‑3‑290. The Department of Agriculture must develop a ‘Certified S.C. Raised Beef” designation, label, and application. A beef producer located in this State that complies with the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 17, Title 47 is entitled to this designation.”

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 17, Title 47 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 47‑17‑160. Producers of beef located in this State that comply with the provisions of this article are entitled to a ‘Certified S.C. Raised Beef’ designation which may be applied for through the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.”

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

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