**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 11-35-1524 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RESIDENT VENDOR PREFERENCE, TO PROVIDE THAT NO STATE AGENCY SHALL PURCHASE, FOR RETAIL SALE, A STATE FLAG, STATE SEAL, OR OTHER OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF THE STATE; ITEMS INCORPORATING THOSE SYMBOLS; OR ITEMS BEARING THE NAME ‘SOUTH CAROLINA’ OR ‘THE PALMETTO STATE’ UNLESS THE SYMBOL OR ITEM IS A SOUTH CAROLINA END PRODUCT, IF POSSIBLE, OR IF NOT, UNLESS IT IS A UNITED STATES END PRODUCT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY SHALL NOT RECEIVE REVENUE THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT WITH A PRIVATE ENTITY FOR ANY ITEMS NOT SOURCED ACCORDING TO THESE SAME STANDARDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11-35-1524 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered new subsection to read:

“( ) No state agency shall purchase, for retail sale, a state flag, state seal, or other official symbol of the State; items incorporating those symbols; or items bearing the name ‘South Carolina’ or ‘The Palmetto State’ unless the symbol or item is a South Carolina end product, if possible, or if not, unless it is a United States end product. A state agency shall not receive revenue through a contractual arrangement with a private entity for any items not sourced according to the standards set forth by this subsection.”

SECTION 2. The provisions of Section 11-35-1524( ), as added by this act, do not apply to:

(1) items already received for sale by a state agency as of the effective date of this act;

(2) items purchased and in transit to the state agency as of the effective date of this act;

(3) items for which there is an executed purchase order as of the effective date of this act; or

(4) any future transaction, if cancellation would result in the assessment of a monetary penalty pursuant to the terms of a contractual arrangement in place on the effective date of this act.

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

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