AMENDED

June 4, 2013

**S. 707**

Introduced by Senator Lourie

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**A** **BILL**

TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TO APPOINT AND COMMISSION FIREFIGHTERS TO SERVE AS CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO HAVE THE FULL POWERS AS CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND TO REQUIRE FIREFIGHTERS TO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS TO BE COMMISSIONED AS A CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. The City of Columbia is granted authority to appoint and commission members of its fire department as certified law enforcement officers, for the limited purposes of the investigation of any suspected arson within the city limits and for performing the duties of fire chief. As it relates to any qualified arson investigation or fire chief duties, the individual appointed and commissioned shall have the full powers of South Carolina certified law enforcement officers. The individuals appointed and commissioned by the City of Columbia shall meet the minimum qualifications for South Carolina certified law enforcement officers as established by law.

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

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