**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 10‑1‑165, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALTERATION, RELOCATION OR REMOVAL OF CERTAIN MONUMENTS OR MEMORIALS ERECTED ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OR THE RENAMING OR REDEDICATION OF STRUCTURES, STREETS, PARKS, OR OTHER PUBLIC AREAS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS ONLY SHALL APPLY TO PROPERTY UNDER STATE GOVERNMENT JURISDICTION AND CONTROL AND DO NOT APPLY TO SUCH PROPERTY UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION AND CONTROL OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 10‑1‑165 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 10‑1‑165. (A) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish‑American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Native American, or African‑American History monuments or memorials erected on public property of the State ~~or any of its political subdivisions~~ under state government jurisdiction and control may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered. ~~No~~ A street, bridge, structure, park, preserve, reserve, or other public area of the State ~~or any of its political subdivisions~~ under state government jurisdiction and control dedicated in memory of or named for any historic figure or historic event may not be renamed or rededicated. ~~No~~ A person may not prevent the public body responsible for the monument or memorial from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation, and care of these monuments, memorials, or nameplates.

(B) The provisions of this section do not apply to any monument, memorial, or property under the jurisdiction and control of a political subdivision of this State, a school district, or a public institution of higher learning as defined in Section 59‑103‑5.

(C) The provisions of this section only may ~~only~~ be amended or repealed upon passage of an act which has received a two‑thirds vote on the third reading of the bill in each branch of the General Assembly.”

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

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