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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑745, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PAID REPRESENTATION OF CLIENTS AND CONTRACTING BY MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN SOUTH CAROLINA MAY NOT CHARGE OR ACCEPT A FEE FOR PERFORMING CONSTITUENT SERVICES BEFORE A STATE AGENCY, COMMISSION, BOARD, DEPARTMENT, OR OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑745(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 248 of 1991, is amended to read:

“(A)(1) ~~No~~ A member of the General Assembly or an individual with whom he is associated or business with which he is associated may not represent a client for a fee in a contested case, as defined in Section 1‑23‑310, before an agency, a commission, board, department, or other entity if the member of the General Assembly has voted in the election, appointment, recommendation, or confirmation of a member of the governing body of the agency, board, department, or other entity within the twelve preceding months.

(2) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a member of the General Assembly who is licensed to practice law in South Carolina may not charge or accept a fee for performing constituent services on behalf of a constituent before a state agency, commission, board, department, or other state governmental entity, except:

(a) as required by law; or

(b) before a court under the unified judicial system.”

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

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