**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 8, TITLE 27 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 27-8-130, TO PROVIDE THAT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ACQUIRED USING PUBLIC FUNDS MUST BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 8, Title 27 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 27-8-130. The holder of a conservation easement acquired in part or in whole by public funds must allow easy and full access to the real property encompassed by the easement to members of the public.”

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act apply to conservation easements acquired on or after February 1, 2017.

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

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