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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58‑17‑1685 SO AS TO REQUIRE A RAILROAD CORPORATION TO PROVIDE A COMMODITY FLOW STUDY TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND EACH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL BODY IN WHICH THE RAILROAD CORPORATION TRANSPORTS HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 58‑17‑3470 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CLASS 1 RAILROAD CORPORATION TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO PROVIDE DEDICATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING TO FIRST RESPONDERS THAT WOULD PROVIDE INITIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE EVENT OF A RAILROAD INCIDENT INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 13, Chapter 17, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 58‑17‑1685. No later than June thirtieth and December thirty‑first of each year, each railroad corporation must provide a commodity flow study to the Office of Regulatory Staff and to all local governmental entities in which the railroad corporation transports hazardous materials.

SECTION 2. Article 27, Chapter 17, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 58‑17‑3470. A Class 1 railroad corporation must cooperate with the appropriate local governmental entity to provide dedicated emergency response equipment and training to first responders in the governmental entity through which the railroad corporation transports hazardous materials. For purposes of this section, the “appropriate local governmental entity” means the county, municipality, or political subdivision which would provide the initial emergency response in the event of an incident involving the railroad corporation transporting hazardous materials.

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

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