**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑13‑755, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC MEMBERS, OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES SERVING AS A LOBBYIST OR ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD OF FORMER SERVICE, SO AS TO PROHIBIT FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIALS, PUBLIC MEMBERS OR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FROM SERVING AS A LOBBYIST OR REPRESENTING CLIENTS BEFORE THE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT ON WHICH HE FORMERLY SERVED AND FROM ACCEPTING EMPLOYMENT FROM A PERSON WHO IS REGULATED BY THE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT ON WHICH THE FORMER PUBLIC OFFICIAL, FORMER PUBLIC MEMBER OR FORMER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE SERVED OR WAS EMPLOYED FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE YEAR AFTER TERMINATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE OR EMPLOYMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑13‑755 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 8‑13‑755. A former public official, former public member, or former public employee holding public office, membership or employment ~~on or after January 1, 1992,~~ may not for a period of one year after terminating his public service or employment:

(1) serve as a lobbyist or represent clients before the agency or department on which he formerly served ~~in a matter which he directly and substantially participated during his public service or employment~~; or

(2) accept employment if the employment~~:~~

~~(a)~~ is from a person who is regulated by the agency or department on which the former public official, former public member, or former public employee served or was employed~~; and~~

~~(b) involves a matter in which the former public official, former public member, or former public employee directly and substantially participated during his public service or public employment~~.

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

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