**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL BEAR COSTS, NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN AND ONE‑HALF PERCENT OF THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OR IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY REVENUE GENERATED FROM H. 3579, R. \_\_\_, ACT \_\_\_ OF 2015.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 57 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 57‑3‑695. Regarding construction projects or improvements funded by revenue generated from H. 3579, R. \_\_\_, Act \_\_\_ of 2015, the Department of Transportation shall bear costs, not to exceed seven and one‑half percent of the total project costs, associated with the relocation of water and sewer service facilities owned by a public utility of a political subdivision of the State or a not‑for‑profit utility which is located within a department‑owned easement, excluding betterments, affected by the project or improvement.”

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

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