**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5‑7‑320 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION, LEGISLATION, OR STATUTE REGARDING ON‑STREET PARKING PRIVILEGES FOR RESIDENTS OF A MUNICIPALITY THAT ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO NONRESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THAT COUNTY MUST BE APPROVED ONLY BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, despite the fact that the City of Myrtle Beach receives tax monies from all the taxpayers of Horry County as well as from the State of South Carolina for such vital programs as beach renourishment, the City of Myrtle Beach’s parking ordinance grants free on‑street parking at city‑metered spaces only to city residents; and

Whereas, residents of the unincorporated areas of Horry County spend their hard‑earned dollars in the City of Myrtle Beach just as its residents do; and

Whereas, without question, the numerous hotels, restaurants, and businesses within the City of Myrtle Beach thrive in large measure due to the patronage of nonresidents; and

Whereas, the right to park on a public street is not a right incident to ownership of abutting land but rather one that is incident to use of the street for travel and commerce and one which is rightly shared by all members of the public. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 7, Title 5 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 5‑7‑320. Any ordinance, resolution, or regulation of any municipality regarding on‑street parking privileges for residents of a municipality that are not available on the same terms to nonresidents of the municipality of that county must be approved only by the General Assembly. This section supersedes and preempts any ordinance enacted by a municipality that purports to grant residents of the municipality on‑street parking privileges that are not available on the same terms to nonresidents of the municipality of that county.”

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

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