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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 95, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT, BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-45, TO PROVIDE THAT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THIS STATE MAY NOT ENACT ANY LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RULES PERTAINING TO THE INGREDIENTS, FLAVORS, OR LICENSING OF CIGARETTES, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, TOBACCO PRODUCTS, OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH LAWS, ORDINANCES, AND RULES ENACTED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2019 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE PREEMPTION IMPOSED BY THIS ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 95, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44-95-45. Political subdivisions of this State may not enact any laws, ordinances, or rules pertaining to the ingredients, flavors, or licensing of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products.”

SECTION 2. Laws, ordinances, or rules enacted by political subdivisions of this State prior to January 1, 2019 pertaining to the ingredients, flavors, or licensing of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products are exempt from the preemption imposed by this act.

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

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