**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE PRODUCTION OF PENTACHLOROPHENOL.

Whereas, pentachlorophenol is a synthetic substance, made from other chemicals, and does not occur naturally in the environment; and

Whereas, at one time, it was one of the most widely used biocides in the United States; and

Whereas, contact with pentachlorophenol can irritate the skin, eyes, and mouth. If large enough amounts enter the body, heat is produced by the cells in the body, causing an increase in body temperature. The body temperature can increase to dangerous levels, causing injury to various organs and tissues and even death; and

Whereas, given the significant health risk associated with this substance, the members of the General Assembly believe it would be prudent to place a moratorium on the production of pentachlorophenol in South Carolina. Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The production of pentachlorophenol shall be unlawful in this State until July 1, 2021.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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