**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 48‑22‑40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION TO CONDUCT TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING USING LIGHT DETECTION AND RANGING (LiDAR) DATA COLLECTIONS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY STANDARDS, TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM, AND TO REQUIRE THAT THE TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES’ WEBSITE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 48-22-40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered new item to read:

“( ) shall conduct topographic mapping using light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data collections at least every five years and share this information with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Flood Mitigation Program to ensure compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency guidelines and standards for flood risk analysis and mapping activities under the Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Program. The unit is authorized to work with local, state, and federal governmental entities in South Carolina to complete the topographic mapping and must work with the Flood Mitigation Program to publish the results to the public on the Department of Natural Resources’ website and share with the appropriate governmental agencies and private industry;”

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

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