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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “EMPOWER WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 2‑1‑255 SO AS TO PROHIBIT MALE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM INTRODUCING LEGISLATION OR AMENDING STATE LAW RELATING TO WOMEN’S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited and known as the “Empower Women’s Reproductive Rights Act”.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 2‑1‑255. No male member of the General Assembly may introduce legislation or amend state law relating to women’s reproductive rights.”

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

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