**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 27, TITLE 58 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES, BY ADDING SECTION 58-27-260, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL CHARGE A SURCHARGE OF THIRTY DOLLARS PER TON ON ANY COAL COMBUSTION RESIDUALS TRANSFERRED TO A LANDFILL IN A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF FEWER THAN NINETEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, RETENTION, AND EXPENDITURE OF THIS SURCHARGE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 27, Title 58 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 58-27-260. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall charge a surcharge of thirty dollars per ton on any coal combustion residuals transferred by any entity to an in-state landfill in a county with a population of fewer than nineteen thousand five hundred. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall collect, retain, and expend the funds on water quality improvement and land and waste management initiatives in the county in which the coal combustion residuals are transferred.”

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

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