**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 5‑31‑1520, RELATING TO THE EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BY A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT EXTENSIONS CONDITIONED ON ANNEXATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 5‑31‑1520 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 5‑31‑1520. Any city or town may extend its system to any property beyond the city limits provided that both the water and sewer systems are extended to such property. Provided, however, a city or town may not condition the extension of its system on annexation of the property owner’s property, and may not prohibit a property owner from undertaking repairs to existing wells and septic systems if the property owner declines the extended system.”

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

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