**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE LEVELS OF POLYCYCLIC AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS (PAHs) PRESENT IN URBAN AND RURAL INDUSTRIAL AND NONINDUSTRIAL SOILS IN REPRESENTATIVE AREAS ACROSS THE STATE TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF PAHs ON THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF RESIDENTS IN THESE AREAS AND TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Environmental Control shall conduct a study to determine the levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in appropriate urban and rural industrial and nonindustrial soils in representative areas across the State and to evaluate the impact, and potential impact, of PAHs on the health and quality of life of residents in these areas. The department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly before January 1, 2013.

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

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