**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 48 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FORESTRY, BY ADDING SECTION 48‑23‑300, TO PROVIDE THAT A MAJOR FACILITY PROJECT REQUESTING THIRD-PARTY CERTIFICATION SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SEEK A RATING POINT THAT WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST WOOD PRODUCTS OF THIS STATE DERIVED FROM FOREST LANDS CERTIFIED BY THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE OR THE AMERICAN TREE FARM SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 23, Title 48 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 48‑23‑300. A major facility project as defined in Section 48‑52‑810(10) requesting third-party certification shall not be allowed to seek a rating point that would discriminate against wood products of this State derived from forest lands certified by the Sustainable Forestry Initiative or the American Tree Farm System.”

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

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