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9 **A JOINT RESOLUTION**

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11 TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO  
12 RELOCATE THE COLUMBIA STATE FARMERS' MARKET  
13 FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION IN RICHLAND COUNTY  
14 TO LEXINGTON COUNTY, TO RE-AUTHORIZE  
15 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO EXPEND  
16 CERTAIN MONIES FOR THE RELOCATION, TO AUTHORIZE  
17 THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE TO TERMINATE  
18 THE PENDING PROJECT THAT RELOCATES THE MARKET  
19 TO THE WALKER TRACT IN RICHLAND COUNTY, AND TO  
20 AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONER TO IMPLEMENT A  
21 STATEWIDE FARMERS' MARKET PLAN.

22 Amend Title To Conform  
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24 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South  
25 Carolina:  
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27 SECTION 1. (A) The Department of Agriculture may relocate  
28 the Columbia State Farmers' Market from its current location on  
29 Bluff Road in Richland County to a new location selected by the  
30 Commissioner of Agriculture in Lexington County. The new  
31 location will include both public and private investment and public  
32 and private property.

33 (B) The following funds are authorized or re-authorized to be  
34 used for the relocation project:

35 (1) the balance of the ten million dollars from the Capital  
36 Improvement Bond funds authorized in the 1999 Bond Act. These  
37 bonds have already been issued and the proceeds available for  
38 expenditure; thus, the department may draw down these available  
39 funds with approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee;

40 (2) a minimum of fourteen million eight hundred fifty  
41 thousand dollars from the sale of the existing market;

42 (3) the two million five hundred thousand dollars from the  
43 Ordinary Sinking Fund;

1 (4) the fifteen million dollars from the Capital Reserve Fund  
2 in 2007; and

3 (5) the proceeds from the sale of the Columbia Metrology  
4 Laboratory and the contiguous tract of state land.

5 The department may use no more than twenty-two million five  
6 hundred thousand dollars for the relocation project, and of this  
7 amount, up to five million four hundred thousand dollars may be  
8 used for infrastructure improvements on any property that  
9 constitutes the new location related to roads, water, sewer, site  
10 preparation, and other infrastructure, to be spent by the  
11 Commissioner of Agriculture. The state funds to be used for  
12 infrastructure must be placed in escrow. The release of the escrow  
13 funds is contingent upon project inspection and certification by the  
14 State Engineer's Office and must be disbursed as those  
15 improvements are actually constructed. The Department of  
16 Agriculture must obtain the approval of the Joint Bond Review  
17 Committee prior to spending the balance of the twenty-two million  
18 five hundred thousand dollars allocated for the market relocation.  
19 This joint resolution modifies and supersedes any conflicting  
20 language found in the 2007-2008 and the 2008-2009 General  
21 Appropriations Act.

22 (C) As part of the relocation project authorized in this joint  
23 resolution, the Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to  
24 terminate the pending project on the Walker Tract in Richland  
25 County, to resolve any related disputes, negotiate and enter any  
26 agreements incidental to the relocation project, and to engage any  
27 needed professional services. The commissioner shall provide a  
28 quarterly update on the progress of the relocation of the Columbia  
29 State Farmers' Market and the implementation of the statewide  
30 farmers' market plan to the Chairman of the Senate Finance  
31 Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means  
32 Committee. Further, notwithstanding any other provision of law  
33 relating to the approval of state real property transactions, the  
34 commissioner must consult with the Chairman of the Senate  
35 Finance Committee, the Chairman of the Ways and Means  
36 Committee, and the Division of General Services prior to entering  
37 into any real property transaction. Any real estate purchased as  
38 part of the relocation project shall be titled in the name of the State  
39 of South Carolina. The commissioner is prohibited from  
40 purchasing any real estate for the project at an amount greater than  
41 the appraised value.

42 (D) As part of the relocation project, the commissioner, in  
43 consultation with the Division of General Services, is authorized to

1 sell and convey the Columbia Metrology Laboratory location and  
2 the contiguous tract of land.

3 (E) The remaining funds are authorized to be used to  
4 implement a statewide farmers' market system. The  
5 Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to work with Clemson  
6 University to analyze the current status of markets throughout the  
7 State and to study the statewide farmers' market system. The  
8 commissioner shall select the appropriate locations and  
9 enhancements for the statewide system based upon Clemson  
10 University's recommendations, which must include an analysis of  
11 agricultural and other economic data. The department may not  
12 expend more than one million five hundred thousand dollars of the  
13 remaining funds on any individual farmers' market.

14 (F) The department may expend a portion of the remaining  
15 funds, as determined necessary by the Division of General  
16 Services, for rent and other cost escalations related to the  
17 department's laboratory on Williams Street.

18 (G) Upon completion of the relocation of the Columbia State  
19 Farmers' Market, and the complete implementation of the  
20 statewide farmers' market system provided for in subsection (E),  
21 the department must return any unused balance of the designated  
22 funds to the general fund of the State.

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

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