**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑9‑30, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO POWERS OF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNER SHALL KEEP A LOT OR OTHER PROPERTY CLEAN AND FREE OF RUBBISH AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4‑9‑30 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 113 of 1999, is further amended by adding at the end:

“(18)(a) to provide by ordinance that the owner of any lot or property in the county, whether residential or commercial, shall keep that lot or property clean and free of rubbish, debris, and other unhealthy and unsightly material or conditions that constitute a public nuisance; and

(b) to provide by ordinance for notification to the owner of conditions needing correction, require that the owner take action as necessary to correct the conditions, provide the terms and conditions under which an employee of the county or a person employed for that purpose may go on the property to correct the conditions, and provide that not more than the actual cost of such becomes a lien upon the real estate and is collectable as a county tax.”

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

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