**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑63 SO AS TO GRANT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY 1890 RESEARCH AND EXTENSION USE AND POSSESSION RIGHTS OF AGRICULTURE‑RELATED STATE‑OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑63. (A) The South Carolina State University 1890 Research and Extension is granted use and possession rights as to any state‑owned farming and other agriculture‑related equipment or supplies deemed surplus property by the Department of Administration. Such property only is subject to sale pursuant to Article 15, Chapter 35, Title 11 after one of the following events occurs:

(1) the 1890 Research and Extension declines to claim or accept possession of the property in a timely fashion as provided in this section; or

(2) the property claimed or in the possession of the 1890 Research and Extension is returned to the department.

(B) The department regularly shall notify the 1890 Research and Extension in writing of the state inventory of the property described in this section and offer to arrange for delivery or transfer to the 1890 Research and Extension. The 1890 Research and Extension shall notify the department in writing of its decision to claim or accept possession of the property within ten business days of receipt of notice from the department. The 1890 Research and Extension is deemed to have declined any property which is not timely and expressly claimed or accepted in writing.”

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

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑