**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 35, TITLE 23, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑35‑180, SO AS TO PERMIT A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO REGULATE THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 35, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑35‑180. A local governing body, as defined in Section 23‑35‑175(A)(3), may, by ordinance, regulate the discharge of otherwise lawful fireworks. The regulation must provide for reasonable limits regarding the time and place in which the fireworks may be discharged. Such ordinance may only provide for civil penalties, not to exceed the jurisdiction of magistrates courts.”

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

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