**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-55-65 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT TO HAVE A WELL DRILLED ON A PARCEL OF LAND THAT HAS UNENCUMBERED ACCESS TO A WATER LINE; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44‑55‑855 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A SEPTIC TANK PERMIT FOR A PARCEL OF LAND THAT HAS UNENCUMBERED ACCESS TO A SEWER LINE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 55, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44-55-65. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a permit must be issued to have a well drilled on a parcel of land that is otherwise a suitable site on which to have a well drilled regardless of the parcel of land having unencumbered access to a water line.”

SECTION 2. Article 9, Chapter 55, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑55‑855. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 44‑55‑850, Chapter 31, Title 5, and Chapter 11, Title 6, or any other provision of law, if a parcel of land on which a residential dwelling, including a mobile home, is located, or to be located, satisfies the requirements for the installation of a septic tank, a permit must be issued for the installation of a septic tank on that parcel of land regardless of the parcel of land having unencumbered access to sewer services.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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