**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑9‑30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO POWERS OF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A 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 is amended by adding:

“(18)(a) to provide by ordinance that the owner of a lot or property in the county 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 a lot or property of conditions needing correction, to require that the owner take action as necessary to correct the conditions, to provide the terms and conditions under which an employee of the county or a person employed for that purpose may go upon the property to correct the conditions, and to provide that not more than the actual cost of the lot or property clean up 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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