**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑180 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITY THAT MAINTAINS FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION TO IMPLEMENT A POLICY THAT SAFEGUARDS THE INFORMATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE POLICY MUST BE NO LESS STRINGENT THAN THE MANNER IN WHICH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE PROTECTS THE INFORMATION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑1‑180. Each county and municipality in this State that maintains federal tax information must adopt and implement a policy that safeguards the information from a potential data breach. The policy must be no less stringent than the manner in which the Internal Revenue Service protects the information, as set forth by the Internal Revenue Service’s ‘Safeguards Program’ and delineated in Publication 1075.”

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

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