**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑9‑195 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL TO ISSUE A LICENSE FOR A COMMUNITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY IF CERTAIN SAFETY CONDITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 9, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑9‑195. The sponsor of a community fireworks display using consumer fireworks may petition the State Fire Marshal, Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation for a license to hold the display. The license must be granted if:

(1) the county in which the event is to be held has a population of less than thirty thousand;

(2) the governing body of the unincorporated county or the municipality in which the event is to be held approves the display through an ordinance or resolution;

(3) the sponsor is a volunteer nonremunerated individual, group of individuals, or a community organization;

(4) the sponsor can document the presence of police and fire rescue at the event;

(5) the sponsor can provide proof of insurance for the event; and

(6) the sponsor can demonstrate experience in hosting similar events, using similar nonremunerated volunteers without incident.”

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

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