**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑11‑355 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO HUNTING DEER NEAR RESIDENCES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO HUNT DEER WITHIN THREE HUNDRED YARDS OF A RESIDENCE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER AND OCCUPANT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 50‑11‑355 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑11‑355. It is unlawful to hunt deer ~~with a firearm~~ within three hundred yards of a residence ~~when less than ten feet above the ground~~ without permission of the owner and occupant. Anyone violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days. The provisions of this section do not apply to a landowner hunting on his own land or a person taking deer pursuant to a department permit.”

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

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