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H*4129 (Rat #0321, Act #0255 of 2010) General Bill, By Funderburk, Umphlett, Hodges, Clemmons, Whipper, R.L. Brown and Weeks

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-780 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A PERSON TO WILFULLY, KNOWINGLY, OR MALICIOUSLY ENTER UPON THE LANDS OF ANOTHER OR THE POSTED LANDS OF THE STATE AND DISTURB OR EXCAVATE A PREHISTORIC OR HISTORIC SITE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCOVERING, UNCOVERING, MOVING, REMOVING, OR ATTEMPTING TO REMOVE AN ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCE, AND TO PROVIDE EACH SUCH ENTRY AND ACT OF DISTURBANCE OR EXCAVATION CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT VIOLATION, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN RELATED DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE A COURT MAY CALL UPON THE STATE ARCHEOLOGIST TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EVIDENCE RELATED TO THE VALUE OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE, TO PROVIDE MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES AND A FELONY PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AND CONVEYANCES USED IN CONNECTION WITH A FELONY VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE, AND TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND CONVEYANCES SUBJECT TO THIS FORFEITURE MAY BE FORFEITED BY ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION TO AN AFFECTED LANDOWNER FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-17-600, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DESTRUCTION OR DESECRATION OF HUMAN REMAINS OR REPOSITORIES OF HUMAN REMAINS, SO AS TO APPLY THE SECTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN BURIAL GROUNDS OR BURIAL MOUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO OWNS OR HAS AN INTEREST IN CARING FOR THE PROPERTY, IN THE CASE OF PRIVATE LANDS, OR THE STATE, IN THE CASE OF STATE LANDS, MAY BRING A CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO RECOVERY DAMAGES, THE COST OF RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF THE PROPERTY, ATTORNEY'S FEES, AND COURT COSTS. - ratified title

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