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S 0533 General Bill, By Alexander, Ford, Hayes, Leatherman, Martin, Moore, Waldrep and Washington

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-311 SO AS TO PERMIT COUNTIES OR MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD REFERENDUMS, UPON PASSAGE OF AN ORDINANCE, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS THEREOF CONSIDER NUDE OR SEMI-NUDE DANCING IN A PUBLIC PLACE OR IN ANY OTHER PLACE WITHIN THAT COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY WHICH IS READILY VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC TO BE PATENTLY OFFENSIVE CONDUCT APPEALING TO A PRURIENT INTEREST IN NUDITY AND SEX THEREBY VIOLATING THE CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY STANDARDS OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SOLICITORS, PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS MAY CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF ANY SUCH REFERENDUM WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO CHARGE AND PROSECUTE VIOLATIONS OF SECTION 16-15-305 RELATING TO OBSCENE MATERIALS AND CONDUCT.

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