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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑180 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, OR A UNIT OR AGENCY OF IT, FROM IMPOSING A FEE OR SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OR EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF RESPONDING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PERMIT A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT TO SEEK TO COLLECT FROM ANOTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THE REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED FOR RESPONDING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION.

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. (A) A municipality or county, or unit or agency of it, may not impose a fee or seek reimbursement of costs or expenses incurred as a result of responding to a motor vehicle accident, except:

(1) where the coverage for these services is expressly provided by an insurance company to the insured and the services are billed lawfully to the insured;

(2) for emergency medical services; or

(3) for hazardous material clean up.

(B) Nothing contained in this section prohibits a unit of government from seeking to collect from another unit of government the reasonable costs incurred for responding to a motor vehicle accident outside its jurisdiction of authority. These costs may not be charged directly or indirectly to an insurance company unless otherwise expressly covered under the terms of the insurance policy.”

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

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