**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 47‑1‑40, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ILL‑TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED VETERINARY STANDARDS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47‑1‑40(C) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 259 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“(C) This section does not apply to fowl, accepted animal husbandry practices of farm operations and the training of animals, the practice of veterinary medicine in accordance with accepted veterinary practice standards, agricultural practices, forestry and silvacultural practices, wildlife management practices, or activity authorized by Title 50, including an activity authorized by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources or an exercise designed for training dogs for hunting, if repeated contact with a dog or dogs and another animal does not occur during this training exercise.”

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

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