**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑3‑535, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR SEX OFFENDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY NOT ENACT AN ORDINANCE THAT EXPANDS OR CONTRACTS THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AREAS IN WHICH A SEX OFFENDER MAY OR MAY NOT RESIDE THAT ARE CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑3‑535(E) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 333 of 2008, is amended to read:

“(E) A local government may not enact an ordinance that:

(1) contains penalties that exceed or are less lenient than the penalties contained in this section; or

(2) expands or contracts the boundaries of areas in which a sex offender may or may not reside that are contained in subsection (B) of this section.”

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

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