**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑59‑20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDERS SO AS TO INCREASE FROM FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS THE AMOUNT THAT A PERSON MAY UNDERTAKE IN THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, OR IMPROVEMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITHOUT BEING CONSIDERED A RESIDENTIAL HOME BUILDER SUBJECT TO LICENSURE AND REGULATIONS BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTIAL BUILDERS COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40‑59‑20(6) of the 1976 Code, as amended by Act 359 of 2002, is further amended to read:

“(6) ‘Residential builder’ means one who constructs, superintends, or offers to construct or superintend the construction, repair, improvement, or reimprovement of a residential building or structure which is not over three floors in height and which does not have more than sixteen units in any single apartment building, when the cost of the undertaking exceeds ~~five~~ fifteen thousand dollars. Anyone who engages or offers to engage in such undertaking in this State is considered to have engaged in the business of residential building.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2009.

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