**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑1‑240 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WITH APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION SHALL NOT CHARGE A CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, OR ELEEMOSYNARY ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING A RAFFLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZATION WHERE ALL THE PROCEEDS INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZATION, AND ANY INDIVIDUALS ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING THE RAFFLE, WITH A VIOLATION OF LAW BUT INSTEAD SHALL INFORM THEM IN WRITING THAT THE CONDUCT OF THE RAFFLE VIOLATES STATE LAW, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS FOR THIS PROVISION TO APPLY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑1‑240. Law enforcement officials with appropriate jurisdiction shall not charge a charitable, religious, or eleemosynary organization conducting a raffle for the benefit of the organization where all the proceeds inure to the benefit of the organization, and any individuals associated with conducting the raffle, with a violation of law but instead shall inform them in writing that the conduct of the raffle violates state law. For this section to apply, no portion of the raffle proceeds may go to pay any salaries, fees, or benefits for the individuals or entities involved. A charitable, religious, or eleemosynary organization to which this section applies may not conduct more than two such raffles a calendar year.”

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

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