AMENDED

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑9‑55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BUILDING CODE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES AN AUTOMATIC RESIDENTIAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEM BE INSTALLED IN A NEW ONE‑FAMILY OR TWO‑FAMILY DWELLING MAY NOT BE ENFORCED, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROSPECTIVE HOMEOWNERS MAY CHOOSE WHETHER TO HAVE AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM INSTALLED, TO MAKE THE INSTALLATION OF AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE AVAILABLE WHERE REQUIRED BY THAT CODE, AND TO PROVIDE WHERE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION CONTROL EVEN WHEN THEY CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER LAW OR LOCAL ORDINANCE.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑9‑55. (A) A building code provision that requires an automatic residential fire sprinkler system be installed in a new one‑family or two‑family dwelling may not be enforced.

(B) A prospective homeowner of a one‑family or two‑family dwelling in a jurisdiction in which installation of an automatic fire sprinkler system is required by a building code provision may choose whether to have the sprinkler system installed.

(C) A residential builder or general contractor of a one‑family or two‑family dwelling in a jurisdiction in which an automatic fire sprinkler system is required by the International Residential Code must inform the prospective homeowner that automatic fire sprinkler systems are available, offer the prospective homeowner the option of installing an approved automatic fire sprinkler system in accordance with the International Residential Code, and provide the prospective homeowner with an estimate of the total cost of installing a system.

(D) If a builder constructs a home in anticipation of selling it to an unknown homebuyer, the builder shall notify a prospective homebuyer if an approved automatic fire sprinkler in accordance with the International Residential Code is not installed in the home.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect January 1, 2011.

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