**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE code of laws of south carolina, 1976, BY ADDING section 27‑40‑810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE execution of a judgment for ejectment may not occur until at least seven days lapse from the date on which the magistrate issued the order or, if the judgment is stayed, until at least seven days lapse from the date on which the order is lifted, AND During the seven day period the tenant may remove his personal property from the premises without interference from the landlord; and to amend section 27‑40‑710, relating to removal of an evicted tenant’s personal property from the rental premises, so as to provide the party removing the personal property shall retain possession of the personal property for thirty days, during which time the tenant may recover the personal property.

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

SECTION 1. Subarticle II, Article 7, Chapter 40, Title 27 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 27‑40‑810. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the execution of a judgment for ejectment may not occur until at least seven days lapse from the date on which the magistrate issued the order or, if the judgment is stayed, until at least seven days have lapsed from the date on which the order is lifted. During the seven day period, the tenant may remove his personal property from the premises without interference from the landlord.”

SECTION 2. Section 27‑40‑710(D) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(D) Personal property belonging to a tenant removed from a premises as a result of an eviction proceeding under this chapter which is placed on a public street or highway ~~shall~~ must be removed by the appropriate municipal or county ~~officials~~ official after a period of forty‑eight hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, and ~~may~~ also may be removed by these officials in the normal course of debris or trash collection before or after a period of forty‑eight hours. The appropriate municipal or county official shall retain possession of the personal property in a secure location for thirty days following the removal, during which time the tenant may recover his personal property from the municipality or county. If the premises is located in a municipality or county that does not collect trash or debris from the public highways, then after a period of forty‑eight hours, the landlord may remove the personal property from the premises and dispose of it in the manner that trash or debris is normally disposed of in such municipalities or counties, provided the landlord must retain possession of the personal property in a secure location for thirty days, during which time the tenant may recover the personal property. The notice of eviction ~~must~~ clearly must inform the tenant of the provisions of this section. The municipality or county and ~~the~~ its appropriate ~~officials~~ official or ~~employees thereof have~~ employee has no liability ~~in regard~~ to the tenant if he is not informed in the notice of eviction of the provisions of this section.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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