AMENDED

February 10, 2011

**H. 3372**

Introduced by Reps. Hixon, D.C. Moss, Ott, Frye, J.R. Smith, Brannon, Thayer, Murphy, McCoy, Corbin, Pinson, Crosby, Atwater, G.R. Smith, Chumley, Butler Garrick, Clemmons, Clyburn, Govan, Hardwick, Hearn, V.S. Moss, Munnerlyn, Pope, Pitts, Ryan, Tallon, Taylor, Vick, Hodges and Toole

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 14 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO REMOVE OR DESTROY AN ELECTRONIC COLLAR OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE PLACED ON A DOG BY ITS OWNER TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE DOG.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50-1-320. (A) It is unlawful to intentionally remove or destroy an electronic collar or other electronic device placed on a dog by its owner to maintain control of the dog.

(B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be:

(1) fined not more than five hundred dollars, no part of which may be suspended, or imprisoned for not more than ten days for a first offense; or

(2) fined not more than one thousand dollars, no part which may be suspended, or imprisoned not more than thirty days for a second or subsequent offense.”

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

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