**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑180 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, OR A UNIT OR AGENCY OF IT, FROM IMPOSING A FEE OR SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OR EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF RESPONDING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PERMIT A UNIT OF GOVERNMENT TO SEEK TO COLLECT FROM ANOTHER UNIT OF GOVERNMENT THE REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED FOR RESPONDING TO A MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT OUTSIDE ITS JURISDICTION.

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

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

“Section 6‑1‑180. (A) A municipality, county, unit or agency of it, or special purpose district may not impose a fee or seek reimbursement of its costs or expenses incurred as a result of responding to a motor vehicle accident in this State, except for:

(1) emergency medical services rendered by an ‘emergency medical technician’ as defined in Section 40-81-20;

(2) ambulance or airlift services; or

(3) hazardous material clean up, where the coverage for these services is expressly provided to an insured by an insurance company, and the services are billed lawfully to the insured.

(B) Nothing contained in this section prohibits a unit of government from seeking to collect from another unit of government the reasonable costs incurred for responding to a motor vehicle accident outside its jurisdiction of authority. These costs may not be charged directly or indirectly to an insurance company unless expressly covered under the terms of the policy.”

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

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