**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CITY, COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE AN ORDINANCE, POLICY, OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS INDIVIDUALS OR BUSINESSES PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL TREE CUTTING AND REMOVAL SERVICES FROM BURNING THE COLLECTED DEBRIS IN A LOCATION AND MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH STATE LAW AND REGULATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 8 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 6‑1‑180. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a city, county, municipality, or other local governmental entity may not enact or enforce an ordinance, policy, or regulation that prohibits individuals or businesses that provide professional tree cutting and removal services from burning the collected debris in a location and manner that is consistent with state law and regulations.”

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

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