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Summary: Trespasser Responsibility Act

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 82 TO TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE “TRESPASSER RESPONSIBILITY ACT” WHICH PROVIDES A LIMITATION ON LIABILITY BY A LAND POSSESSOR TO TRESPASSERS.

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

SECTION 1. Title 15 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“CHAPTER 82

Limitation on Liability of Land Possessors to Trespassers

Trespasser Responsibility Act

Section 15‑82‑10. (A) As used in this section, the term ‘possessor of land’ means the possessor of any fee, reversionary, or easement interest in real property, including an owner, lessee, or other lawful occupant.

(B) A possessor of land owes no duty to a trespasser except to refrain from causing a wilful or wanton injury.

(C) Nothing in this section shall affect the common law doctrine of attractive nuisance.

(D) This section does not affect any immunities from or defenses to civil liability established by another section of the South Carolina Code of Laws or available at common law to which a possessor of land may be entitled.”

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

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