**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 4‑1‑195 SO AS TO REQUIRE EACH COUNTY TO PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE A DOCUMENT THAT IDENTIFIES LOCATIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY WHERE A HOMELESS OR NEEDY PERSON MAY GO TO RECEIVE SHELTER, HEALTH CARE, FOOD, AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE, AND TO REQUIRE THE DOCUMENT TO BE PROVIDED TO EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR DISTRIBUTION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 4 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 4‑1‑195. Each year, each county must publish and distribute a document that identifies locations within the county where a homeless or needy person may go to receive shelter, health care, food, and other humanitarian assistance. The costs of the publishing and distribution must be borne by the county. The document must be made available in county offices that are frequently visited by homeless and needy persons, as determined by the county. Also, the document must be provided to each local law enforcement officer to distribute to homeless and needy persons with whom the officer comes into contact, within the scope of the officer’s official duties.”

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

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