**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 9, TITLE 15 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SUMMONSES, ORDERS OF PUBLICATION, AND SERVICE OF PAPERS, BY ADDING SECTION 15-9-18, TO PROVIDE THAT A PROCESS SERVER, WHO IS NOT AN ACTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, MAY NOT SERVE A SUMMONS, COMPLAINT, OR OTHER JUDICIAL DOCUMENTS BY ENTERING THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF A LANDOWNER IF THE LANDOWNER POSTS ‘NO TRESPASSING’ SIGNS AT CONSPICUOUS PLACES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9, Title 15 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 15-9-18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a process server, who is not an active law enforcement officer, may not serve a summons, complaint, or other judicial documents by entering the private property of a landowner if the landowner posts ‘No trespassing’ signs at conspicuous places.”

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

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