**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16‑17‑680 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PURCHASING, SELLING, AND TRANSPORTING OF NONFERROUS METALS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM “COIL” AND PROVIDE THAT A SECONDARY METALS RECYCLER MUST NOT PURCHASE OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE A COIL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑17‑680(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) For purposes of this section:

(1) ‘Coil’ means a copper, aluminum, or aluminum‑copper condensing coil or evaporation coil. The term does not include coil from a window air‑conditioning system, if the coil is contained within the system, or coil from an automobile condenser.

~~(1)~~(2) ‘Fixed site’ means a site occupied by a secondary metals recycler as the owner of the site or as a lessee of the site under a lease or other rental agreement providing for occupation of the site by a secondary metals recycler for a total duration of not less than three hundred sixty‑four days.

~~(2)~~(3) ‘Nonferrous metals’ means metals not containing significant quantities of iron or steel, including, but not limited to, copper wire, cooper clad steel wire, copper pipe, copper bars, copper sheeting, aluminum other than aluminum cans, a product that is a mixture of aluminum and copper, catalytic converters, lead‑acid batteries, steel propane gas tanks, and stainless steel beer kegs or containers.

~~(3)~~(4) ‘Secondary metals recycler’ means a person or entity who is engaged, from a fixed site or otherwise, in the business of paying compensation for nonferrous metals that have served their original economic purpose, whether or not the person is engaged in the business of performing the manufacturing process by which nonferrous metals are converted into raw material products consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential economic value.”

SECTION 2. Section 16‑17‑680(I) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(I) A secondary metals recycler must not purchase or otherwise acquire ~~an iron or steel~~:

(1) an iron or steel manhole cover; ~~or~~

(2) an iron or steel drainage grate; or

(3) a coil.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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