**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 47‑1‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ILL‑TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION FOR THE TRAINING OF HUNTING DOGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 47‑1‑70, RELATING TO THE ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE EXCEPTION FOR HUNTING DOGS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47‑1‑40(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C) This section does not apply to fowl, accepted animal husbandry practices of farm operations ~~and the training of animals~~, the practice of veterinary medicine, agricultural practices, forestry and silvacultural practices, wildlife management practices, or activity authorized by Title 50, including an activity authorized by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources ~~or an exercise designed for training dogs for hunting, if repeated contact with a dog or dogs and another animal does not occur during this training exercise~~.”

SECTION 2. Section 47‑1‑70(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“~~(C) A hunting dog that is positively identifiable in accordance with Section 47‑3‑510 or Section 47‑3‑530 is exempt from this section.~~”

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

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