COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

February 7, 2019

**S. 323**

Introduced by Senator Alexander

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12‑54‑265 SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO SUBMIT CERTAIN INFORMATION TO A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION REGARDING A DEBTOR THAT HAS BEEN NAMED ON A WARRANT FOR DISTRAINT, AND TO REQUIRE THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 54, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 12‑54‑265. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department may submit to a financial institution, as defined in Section 63‑17‑2310(A)(2), information that identifies a debtor named on a warrant for distraint that has been issued and filed by the department or whose debt has been submitted to the department for collection under the provisions of Section 12‑4‑580. For purposes of debts named on warrants for distraint, the debt must be at least one hundred eighty days old from the date of assessment. The department may submit the information to the financial institution on a quarterly basis or, with the agreement of the financial institution, on a more frequent basis. A financial institution that receives the information must conduct a data match. The financial institution must then provide to the department, in a manner and form prescribed by the department, information concerning the debtor for purposes of collecting outstanding debts. The information provided to the department must include, but is not limited to, the information required pursuant to Section 63‑17‑2320(A). The financial institution must be paid a reasonable fee out of the collected funds not to exceed actual cost.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a financial institution is not liable to a person for disclosure of information to the department, its designee, or the department’s or its designee’s employees pursuant to subsection (A) or for encumbering or surrendering any deposits, credits, or other personal property in response to a notice of lien or levy by the department, or its designee, or for any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of subsection (A).”

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

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