**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 47‑1‑180 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY FROM ADOPTING ANIMALS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 47‑1‑180 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 47‑1‑180. A person who is convicted of any violation of this chapter may not adopt or purchase an animal after the date of the conviction. Any person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished by a fine not to exceed three hundred dollars or imprisonment not to exceed thirty days, or both. A person who violates the provisions of this section must forfeit the adopted or purchased animal in accordance with the provisions of Section 47‑1‑170.”

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

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