**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 39‑20‑45, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF LIENS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ONLINE NOTIFICATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 39‑20‑45(E) and (I) of the 1976 Code are amended to read:

“(E) After the expiration of the fifty‑day default period, the owner shall publish an advertisement of the public sale to the highest bidder once a week for two consecutive weeks in the print or digital version of a newspaper of general circulation where the self‑service storage facility is located or in any other commercially reasonable manner. The manner of advertisement is considered commercially

reasonable if at least three independent bidders attend or view the sale in person or online at the time and place advertised.

(I) If no one purchases the property at the public sale and if the owner has complied with the foregoing procedures, the owner may otherwise dispose of the property and shall notify the occupant of the action taken. Any sale or disposition of the personal property must be held at the self‑service storage facility, ~~or~~ at the nearest suitable place to where the personal property is held or stored, or online.”

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

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