**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, TITLE 38 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SERVICE CONTRACTS, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑78‑55, TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 78, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑78‑55. No clause in a service contract which states that the term of the contract shall be deemed renewed for a specified additional period, unless the service contract holder gives notice to the provider of his intention to terminate the contract at the expiration of the term, shall be enforceable against the service contract holder.”

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

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