**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 15‑39‑160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO JUDICIAL PROCEEDING OR JUDICIAL SALE MAY BE HELD TO FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12‑51‑180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE STATE IS UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY, THEN NO COUNTY TREASURER MAY FORECLOSE ON REAL PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 39, Title 15 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 15‑39‑160. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, so long as any portion of this State is under a gubernatorial state of emergency, no judicial proceeding or judicial sale may be held to foreclose on real property.”

SECTION 2. Chapter 51, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 12‑51‑180. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, so long as any portion of this State is under a gubernatorial state of emergency, the provisions of this chapter may not be utilized to foreclose on real property.”

SECTION 3. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, shall affect pending actions, rights, duties, and liabilities founded thereon, and alters, discharges, releases and extinguishes any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. This act shall have retroactive effect.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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