**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 31‑21‑40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DISCRIMINATORY HOUSING PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM REQUESTING A CREDIT REPORT OR USING THE CREDIT SCORE OF A PERSON TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ENTER INTO A RENTAL AGREEMENT OR SETTING THE RENTAL RATE FOR A DWELLING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31‑21‑40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item to read:

“( ) to request a credit report or use the credit score of a person to determine:

(a) whether to refuse to rent a dwelling to said person; or

(b) the rental rate for a dwelling unit.”

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

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