**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 61‑4‑280 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS AND A COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 4, TITLE 61 RELATING TO BEER AND WINE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 61‑6‑4510, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTY SHERIFF TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 13, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 61 RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 4, Title 61 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 61‑4‑280. (A) Municipal police officers have the power of constables to enforce the provisions of Sections 61‑4‑50 through 61‑4‑160 and Section 61‑4‑230 in cases arising within the municipal limits; and in addition, have all powers to enforce these provisions as they have to enforce municipal ordinances. When in fresh and continuous pursuit of a suspect for violations of these provisions occurring within the municipal limits, police officers may follow and arrest the suspect anywhere in the State.

(B) In counties with a population in excess of one hundred thousand residents, according to the latest official United States Decennial Census, a county sheriff has the power of a constable to enforce the provisions of Sections 61‑4‑50 through 61‑4‑160 and Section 61‑4‑230 in cases arising within the county limits, including within municipal limits; and in addition, has all powers to enforce these provisions as he has to enforce county ordinances. When in fresh and continuous pursuit of a suspect for violations of these provisions occurring within the county limits, a county sheriff may follow and arrest the suspect anywhere in the State.”

SECTION 2. Section 61‑6‑4510 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 61‑6‑4510. (A) Municipal police officers have the power of constables to enforce the provisions of this article, except Section 61‑6‑4720, in cases arising within the municipal limits; and in addition, have all powers to enforce these provisions as they have to enforce municipal ordinances. When in fresh and continuous pursuit of a suspect for violations of these provisions occurring within the municipal limits, police officers may follow and arrest the suspect anywhere in the State.

(B) In counties with a population in excess of one hundred thousand residents, according to the latest official United States Decennial Census, a county sheriff has the power of a constable to enforce the provisions of this article, except Section 61‑6‑4720, in cases arising within the county limits, including within municipal limits; and in addition, has all powers to enforce these provisions as he has to enforce county ordinances. When in fresh and continuous pursuit of a suspect for violations of these provisions occurring within the county limits, a county sheriff may follow and arrest the suspect anywhere in the State.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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