**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 15‑77‑300, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ALLOWANCE OF ATTORNEY’S FEES IN STATE‑INITIATED ACTIONS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE EXCEPTION FOR DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES’ CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ACTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15‑77‑300(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C) The provisions of this section do not apply to civil actions relating to the establishment of public utility rates, disciplinary actions by state licensing boards, habeas corpus or post conviction relief actions, child support actions, except as otherwise provided for ~~herein, and child abuse and neglect actions~~ in this section.”

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

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