**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑60 SO AS TO GRANT THE GOVERNOR’S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE USE AND POSSESSION RIGHTS OF AGRICULTURE‑RELATED STATE-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 11 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑60. (A) The Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe is granted use and possession rights as to any state‑owned farming and other agriculture‑related equipment or supplies deemed surplus property by the Department of Administration. Such property is only subject to sale pursuant to Article 15, Chapter 35, Title 11 after one of the following events occurs:

(1) the school declines to claim or accept possession of the property in a timely fashion as provided in this section; or

(2) the property claimed or in the possession of the school is returned to the department.

(B) The department regularly shall notify the school in writing of the state inventory of the property described in this section and offer to arrange for delivery or transfer to the school. The school shall notify the department in writing of its decision to claim or accept possession of the property within ten business days of receipt of notice from the department. The school is deemed to have declined any property which is not timely and expressly claimed or accepted in writing.”

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

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