**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 40‑79‑215 SO AS TO PROHIBIT AN ALARM BUSINESS OR CONTRACTOR FROM BEING FINED FOR A FALSE ALARM NOT ATTRIBUTED TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION, DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT, OR OPERATIONAL ERROR BY THE ALARM BUSINESS OR CONTRACTOR.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 79, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑79‑215. An alarm business or contractor as defined in this chapter must not be fined or assessed a civil penalty for false alarms which are not attributed to improper installation, defective equipment, or operational error by the alarm business contractor.”

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

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