**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 4‑9‑30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF A COUNTY GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO ADOPT BY ORDINANCE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PROPERTY OWNER SHALL KEEP A LOT OR OTHER PROPERTY CLEAN AND FREE OF RUBBISH, AND TO AUTHORIZE A COUNTY TO PLACE A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY FOR ACTUAL COSTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COUNTY TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4‑9‑30 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered subsection to read:

“( )(a) to provide by ordinance that the owner of a lot or property outside of a rural portion of a county and not within a municipality shall keep the lot or property clean and free of rubbish, debris, rank vegetation, or other unsafe or unhealthy material or conditions that create a public nuisance; and

(b) the county shall provide notification to the property owner of the conditions needing correction, may require the owner take such action as is necessary to correct the conditions, may provide the terms and conditions under which employees of the county or any person employed for that purpose may go upon the property to correct the conditions, and may provide that the actual cost of such corrections shall become a lien upon the real estate and is collectable in the same manner as county property taxes.”

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

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