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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF SEPTIC TANKS WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO WATERWAYS OR THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-1-320. Notwithstanding another provision of law to the contrary, including any provision in Chapter 55, Title 44, or in Titles 5 or 6, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, or its successor agency, shall not permit the construction or installation of septic tanks within a two-mile straight-line distance of any waterway or the coast of South Carolina.

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

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