COMMITTEE REPORT

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**S. 1227**

Introduced by Senator Peeler

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**THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 1227) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 10‑1‑35 so as to prohibit camping, sleeping, or use of the State House, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

HUGH K. LEATHERMAN, SR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 10‑1‑35 SO AS TO PROHIBIT CAMPING, SLEEPING, OR USE OF THE STATE HOUSE GROUNDS AND ALL BUILDINGS LOCATED ON THE GROUNDS FOR LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 10 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 10‑1‑35 .(A) For purposes of this section, ‘State House grounds’ means the steps of the State House building and the outside areas of the Capitol Complex, which is that area bounded by Gervais, Sumter, Pendleton, and Assembly Streets.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, a person or group of persons may not use the State House grounds or the buildings located on the grounds for:

(1) camping, or other living accommodations purposes;

(2) sleeping, or making preparations to sleep;

(3) storing personal belongings that support camping or other outdoor living accommodations purposes;

(4) building a campfire;

(5) erecting tents or other structures used for camping or outdoor living accommodations;

(6) digging or breaking ground without proper written authorization; or

(7) cooking, or cooking activities that support camping or other outdoor living accommodations purposes.

This prohibition applies regardless of the participant’s intent or the nature of other activities in which the participant may be engaged.”

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

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