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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM TAKING CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF A TENANT’S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Subarticle IV, Chapter 40, Title 27 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 27-40-350. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a landlord is prohibited from taking photographs of a tenant’s personal belongings while in the rental property without the tenant’s express permission.

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

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