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H 5063 General Bill, By F.N. Smith and J.H. Neal

Summary: Discrimination by a municipality

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 5-7-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A MUNICIPALITY TO DISPLACE A SEGMENT OF ITS POPULATION BECAUSE OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, FAMILIAL STATUS, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN BY MEANS OF THE MUNICIPALITY'S POWER TO LEVY TAXES, POWER TO ACQUIRE LAND THROUGH CONDEMNATION, OR OTHERWISE, AND TO PROVIDE A PARTY AGGRIEVED AS A RESULT OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION MAY INSTITUTE AN ACTION IN HIS OWN NAME IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TO RECOVER DAMAGES, REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, AND REASONABLE COSTS FOR THE VIOLATION, AND THAT A SINGLE ACT OF DISCRIMINATION MAY CONSTITUTE PROOF OF A VIOLATION WITHOUT NECESSITATING PROOF OF A PATTERN OF DISCRIMINATORY CONDUCT.

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