**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12‑51‑180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF AN OWNER OF HEIRS’ PROPERTY IS THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AT A DELINQUENT TAX SALE OF THAT PROPERTY IN WHICH HE OWNS AN INTEREST AS HEIR SUCH PURCHASE DOES NOT INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF OTHER COTENANTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 51, Title 12 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 12‑51‑180. If an owner of heirs’ property, as defined in Section 15‑61‑320(5), is the successful bidder at a delinquent tax sale of that property in which he is an owner such purchase does not inure to the benefit of other cotenants. The tax deed may not include the names of any other previous owners of the property and any other ownership rights in the heirs’ property are terminated upon the expiration of the redemption period.”

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

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