

AUTHORIZATION FOR STUDY COMMITTEE ON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

The Study Committee on Homeowners Associations was established pursuant to Part 1B, § 117.135 of the 2015-2016 Appropriation Act. This proviso created a committee of thirteen appointed members and two ex officio members to review laws, policies, practices, and procedures regarding homeowners associations in this State and other jurisdictions, and to make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding proposals for South Carolina's statutory law.

The study committee was charged to review information, including, but not limited to, case law, statutes, uniform laws, and other information from South Carolina and other jurisdictions concerning homeowners associations. Specifically, the study committee was authorized, but not limited to, reporting on the following issues:

- (1) disclosure of governing documents to prospective buyers;
- (2) education for homeowners and board members;
- (3) manager certification or licensing;
- (4) time period for developer control of an association; and
- (5) need for a comprehensive or uniform planned community act.

The study committee was directed to make a report of its recommendations to the General Assembly by December 31, 2015, at which time the study committee would be dissolved.

STUDY COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Disclosure of Governing Documents to Prospective Buyers

Findings:

Recommendations:

II. Education for Homeowners and Board Members

Findings:

Recommendations:

III. Manager Certification or Licensing

Findings:

Recommendations:

IV. Time Period for Developer Control of an Association

Findings:

Recommendations:

V. Need for a Comprehensive or Uniform Planned Community Act

Findings:

Recommendations:

VI. Additional Recommendations

Findings:

Recommendations: