

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

COLUMBIA

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE SENATE:

I am herewith returning to your Honorable Body Senate Bill No. 517, and Act No. 978, entitled: "TO REPEAL SECTION 3079-2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1942, RELATING TO THE PURCHASE OF SPRINKLER SYSTEMS AND OTHER FIRE PREVENTION DEVICES BY STATE INSTITUTIONS."

This Act repeals a section of the Code authorizing the Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission to execute contracts leading to the installation of Sprinkler Systems in our State Institutions or to authorize the Sinking Fund Commission to make loans to such institutions involved for the payment of Sprinkler Systems.

The Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission informs me that since the enactment of this Act several loans have been negotiated and Sprinklers installed, thereby reducing hazards at the various State Institutions and reducing insurance premiums accordingly. I am further informed by the Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission that an application is now on file by Clemson College for a loan under this Act and that several conferences have been held with the view of providing funds for installations of Sprinklers at other State Institutions.

I am in full accord with the authors of this Bill who, as members of the Committee on Statutory Laws, are endeavoring to eliminate from our Code ambiguous and antiquated laws. However, for the reasons outlined above I feel that this Code section is still needed and that it would be a mistake to eliminate it. The Secretary of the Sinking Fund Commission concurs with the views expressed herein.

In view of the above I hereby veto this Act.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Strom Thurmond
Governor

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