



HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR

July 3, 2018

The Honorable Kevin L. Bryant
President of the Senate
State House, First Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-291, S. 1043, known as the South Carolina Abandoned Buildings and Revitalization Act. Contrary to the Act's title, it addresses a plethora of subjects, including modifications to tax credits, tax refunds, revenue definitions, and the proper classification of satellite service receipts.

Article III, section 17 of the South Carolina Constitution provides that "[e]very Act or resolution having the force of law shall relate to but one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title." S.C. Const. art. III, § 17. The "one subject rule," as this constitutional provision is known, exists to ensure that members of the public and the General Assembly are informed of the contents of an act upon reading the title. *See S.C. Pub. Serv. Auth. v. Citizens and S. Nat'l Bank of S.C.*, 300 S.C. 142, 162, 386 S.E.2d 775, 786-87 (1989). The myriad of provisions housed in this Act do not meet the one subject rule, and thus the Act is unconstitutional. *See, e.g., Sloan v. Wilkins*, 362 S.C. 430, 608 S.E.2d 579 (2005), *abrogated on other grounds, Am. Petroleum Inst. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue*, 382 S.C. 572, 677 S.E.2d 16 (2009) (holding unconstitutional an act "teeming with subjects, from life sciences provisions to the establishment of a culinary arts institute.")

For the foregoing reasons, I am respectfully vetoing R-291, S. 1043 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster