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S 0368 General Bill, By Adams, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Garrett, Rice, Cash, Harpootlian, Cromer and Verdin Summary: Bond Reform - Subsequent Violent Offense

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-55, RELATING TO RECONSIDERATION BY THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BOND SET BY THE SUMMARY COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON RECEIVES A SUBSEQUENT BOND AFTER BEING RELEASED ON BOND FOR A PREVIOUS VIOLENT OFFENSE OR FELONY OFFENSE INVOLVING A FIREARM, THE BONDSMAN MUST CERTIFY THAT ALL FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOND WERE PAID IN FULL AT THE TIME OF THE BONDING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF A PERSON RECEIVES A BOND AFTER TWO PRIOR BONDS SET FOR SEPARATE VIOLENT OR FELONY OFFENSES INVOLVING A FIREARM, THAT BOND MAY NOT BE POSTED BY A BOND SURETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COURT MUST CONSIDER WHETHER A PERSON IS CURRENTLY OUT ON BOND FOR A PRIOR OFFENSE WHEN SETTING BOND; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-510, RELATING TO BAIL AND BOND HEARINGS AND INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE MAGISTRATE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MAGISTRATE MUST CONSIDER WHETHER A PERSON IS OUT ON BOND FOR ANOTHER PRIOR OFFENSE WHEN SETTING A BOND.

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