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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑3‑1030 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF THREATENING A MEMBER, OFFICIAL, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended adding:

“Section 16‑3‑1030. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, it is unlawful for a person knowingly and wilfully to deliver or convey to a member, official, or employee, whether military or civilian, of the Armed Forces of the United States any letter or paper, writing, print, missive, document, or verbal or electronic communication which contains a threat to take the life of or to inflict bodily harm upon the person or a member of his immediate family if the threat is directly related to the person’s professional responsibilities or the person’s professional relationship to the Armed Forces of the United States.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (A) is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(C) For the purposes of this section, ‘immediate family’ means the spouse, child, grandchild, mother, father, sister, or brother of the member, official, or employee of the Armed Forces of the United States.

(D) Sentences imposed pursuant to this section must run consecutively with another sentence being served by a person convicted of a violation of this section.”

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

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