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Introduced by Reps. Mitchell, Long, Dillard, Cobb‑Hunter and Sellers

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16‑3‑930, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS FOR FORCED LABOR OR SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MANDATORY MINIMUM PENALTY OF FIVE YEARS FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS THE OFFENSE AND INCREASE THE MAXIMUM PENALTY TO THIRTY YEARS.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑3‑930 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 266 of 2006, is amended to read:

“(A) A person who knowingly subjects another person to forced labor or services, or recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means another person knowing that the person will be subjected to forced labor or services, or aids, abets, attempts, or conspires to do any of the above acts is guilty of a felony known as trafficking in persons for forced labor or services and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than ~~fifteen~~ thirty years.

(B) ‘Forced labor or services’ means any type of labor or services performed or provided by a person rendered through another person’s exertion of physical, financial, or other means of control over the person providing the labor or services.

(C) This section does not apply to labor or services performed or provided by a person in the custody of the Department of Corrections or a local jail, detention center, or correctional facility.”

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

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