**South Carolina General Assembly**

119th Session, 2011-2012

**A234, R287, H3527**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Gilliard, McEachern, Spires, Butler Garrick, King, Jefferson, Sabb, Munnerlyn, V.S. Moss, Cobb‑Hunter, Herbkersman, Willis, Harrell, Pope, D.C. Moss, Norman, Hearn, Horne, Murphy, Bikas, Viers, Whipper and R.L. Brown

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Introduced in the House on February 2, 2011

Introduced in the Senate on May 3, 2011

Last Amended on June 6, 2012

Passed by the General Assembly on June 6, 2012

Governor's Action: June 18, 2012, Signed

Summary: Inmates

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

2/2/2011 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\02-02-11.docx))

2/2/2011 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\02-02-11.docx))

3/2/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Harrell

3/29/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope, D.C.Moss, Norman, Hearn, Horne, Murphy

4/5/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Bikas

4/13/2011 House Recalled from Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-13-11.docx))

4/18/2011 Scrivener's error corrected

4/26/2011 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Viers, Whipper, R.L.Brown

4/26/2011 House Requests for debate‑Rep(s). Rutherford, Herbkersman, Erickson, Viers, Daning, Brannon, Bannister, King, Gilliard, Gambrell, Harrell, Weeks, Pinson, and Weeks ([House Journal‑page 84](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-26-11.docx))

4/28/2011 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 77](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-28-11.docx))

4/28/2011 House Roll call Yeas‑92 Nays‑6 ([House Journal‑page 77](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-28-11.docx))

4/28/2011 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 79](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-28-11.docx))

4/29/2011 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2011\04-29-11.docx))

5/3/2011 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\05-03-11.docx))

5/3/2011 Senate Referred to Committee on **Corrections and Penology** ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2011\05-03-11.docx))

3/6/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Corrections and Penology** ([Senate Journal‑page 16](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-06-12.docx))

3/7/2012 Scrivener's error corrected

3/8/2012 Senate Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-08-12.docx))

3/8/2012 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-08-12.docx))

3/8/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-08-12.docx))

3/14/2012 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-14-12.docx))

3/21/2012 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-21-12.docx))

3/21/2012 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Hutto, Campbell, and Shoopman ([Senate Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\03-21-12.docx))

3/22/2012 House Conference committee appointed Gilliard, Rutherford, and Herbkersman ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-22-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Free conference powers granted ([Senate Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑35 Nays‑1 ([Senate Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Free conference committee appointed Setzler, Ryberg, and Alexander ([Senate Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Free conference report adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 90](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

5/31/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑35 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 90](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-31-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Free conference powers granted ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑100 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Free conference committee appointed Gilliard, Rutherford, Herbkersman ([House Journal‑page 86](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Free conference report received and adopted ([House Journal‑page 86](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑101 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 87](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/6/2012 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 89](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\06-06-12.docx))

6/12/2012 Ratified R 287

6/18/2012 Signed By Governor

6/20/2012 Effective date 06/18/12

6/26/2012 Act No. 234

**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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(A234, R287, H3527)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑3‑970 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE INCARCERATED IN A STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY, OR A PERSON ACTING ON BEHALF OF OR ENABLING SUCH AN INMATE, TO USE AN INTERNET‑BASED SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE TO HARASS, INTIMIDATE, OR CONTACT A CRIME VICTIM AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.**

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

**Misdemeanor created for Department of Corrections inmate using Internet‑based social networking site to be in contact with victim**

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑970. It is unlawful for an inmate, or a person acting on behalf of or enabling an inmate, to utilize any Internet‑based social networking website for purposes of harassing, intimidating, or otherwise contacting a crime victim. An inmate or person acting on behalf of an inmate utilizing an Internet‑based social networking website for purposes described herein is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

The provisions of this section apply only to inmates incarcerated in a State Department of Corrections facility.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 12th day of June, 2012.

Approved the 18th day of June, 2012.

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