**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 17‑22‑50, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 17‑22‑60, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS WHO MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN A PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM AND PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO ALLOW A PERSON TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROGRAM MORE THAN ONCE WITH THE SOLICITOR’S CONSENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17‑22‑50 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 201 of 2008, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) The provisions of subsection (A)(1) do not apply if the solicitor, in his discretion, consents to allow a person to participate in a pretrial intervention program more than once.”

SECTION 2. Section 17‑22‑60(7) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(7) the offender has not previously been accepted in a pretrial intervention program unless the solicitor, in his discretion, consents to allow the offender to participate in a pretrial intervention program more than once.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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