**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑53‑65 SO AS TO PROVIDE A BAIL BONDSMAN OR RUNNER MAY ASSIST ANOTHER BAIL BONDSMAN IN THE APPREHENSION, ARREST, AND SURRENDER OF THE DEFENDANT EVEN IF THE ASSISTING BAIL BONDSMAN OR RUNNER IS NOT EMPLOYED OR APPOINTED BY THE BAIL BONDSMAN WHO IS SURETY FOR THE DEFENDANT.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 53, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑53‑65. A bail bondsman or runner may assist another bail bondsman in the apprehension, arrest, and surrender of the defendant even if the assisting bail bondsman or runner is not employed or appointed by the bail bondsman who is surety for the defendant.”

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

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