**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 14‑17‑210 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CLERKS OF COURT HAVING CHARGE OF COURTHOUSES, TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT COURTHOUSES MUST BE CLOSED AT NIGHT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14‑17‑210 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 14‑17‑210. Every clerk shall have charge of the courthouse within his county, open the same when required for public use and at all other times keep it closed. ~~For every night any courthouse shall be kept open the clerk shall be liable to a penalty of five dollars for the use of the county, to be recovered by indictment.~~”

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

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