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Summary: Mi-Chanda's Law

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ENACTING "MI-CHANDA'S LAW" SO AS TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-10, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" IN CONNECTION WITH CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP AND TO DEFINE "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, PENALTIES, AND PROSECUTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THESE OFFENDERS TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO TREAT BATTERERS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-65, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THESE OFFENDERS TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO TREAT BATTERERS; TO AMEND SECTION 20-4-20, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS IN THE "PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HOUSEHOLD MEMBER" TO INCLUDE PERSONS IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP AND TO DEFINE "DATING RELATIONSHIP"; TO AMEND SECTION 20-4-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE PETITION FOR AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY PETITION THE COURT FOR AN ORDER ON BEHALF OF A MINOR WHO IS IN A DATING RELATIONSHIP; AND TO AMEND SECTION 20-4-60, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ORDER TO INCLUDE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE COUNTY OF THE PETITIONER, TO PROVIDE THAT COUNSELING IS AVAILABLE AT ALL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CENTERS AND PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO ORDER A RESPONDENT IN A PROCEEDING TO COMPLETE A BATTERER TREATMENT PROGRAM AND TO ORDER OTHER PROHIBITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE ABUSED PERSON.

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