**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 16‑3‑620, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATED TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH INTENT TO KILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY WITH INTENT TO KILL SHALL BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT LESS THAN A MANDATORY MINIMUM OF TEN YEARS TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑3‑620 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“The crime of assault and battery with intent to kill shall be a felony in this State, and any person convicted of such crime shall be punished by imprisonment ~~not to exceed twenty years~~ for not less than a mandatory minimum of ten years to imprisonment for life. No portion of the sentence may be suspended nor is the person eligible for probation or parole. For purposes of this section, ‘imprisonment for life’ means imprisonment until the death of the offender.”

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

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