**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 63‑5‑90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A MINOR MAY NOT BE HELD CIVILLY OR CRIMINALLY LIABLE FOR THE ACTIONS OF THE MINOR IF THE MINOR HAS BEEN EMANCIPATED BY A COURT OR HAS VOLUNTARILY DISCONTINUED RESIDING WITH THE PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 5, Title 63 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 361 of 2008, is amended by adding:

“Section 63‑5‑90. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the parents or legal guardian of the person of a minor under the age of eighteen years may not be held civilly or criminally liable for the actions of the minor if the minor has been declared emancipated by a court of competent jurisdiction or has voluntarily discontinued residing with the parents or the legal guardian.”

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

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