**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑3‑16, SO AS TO MANDATE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION PROVIDE SECURITY AND PROTECTION FOR THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, WHICH MUST NOT BE DECLINED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑3‑16. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division has exclusive authority to provide security and protection for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. This security and protection must not be declined.”

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑