COMMITTEE REPORT

April 6, 2011

**H. 3127**

Introduced by Reps. Rutherford, G.R. Smith and Clyburn

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Read the first time January 11, 2011.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3127) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 24‑21‑925 so as to provide that a limited pardon may be granted to a person, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

/ SECTION \_\_. Article 11, Chapter, 21 Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑21‑1010. a person who has received a pardon for any crime except criminal sexual conduct or a crime of violence as defined in Section 16‑23‑10(3), may apply, or cause someone acting on his behalf to apply to the circuit court for an order expunging the records of his arrest and conviction.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

JAMES H. HARRISON for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑21‑925 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LIMITED PARDON MAY BE GRANTED TO A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A NONVIOLENT FELONY OFFENSE THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO CARRY A FIREARM USED FOR HUNTING TO AND FROM HIS HUNTING DESTINATION AND USE IT WHILE HUNTING.

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 21, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑21‑925. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a person who has been convicted of a nonviolent felony offense may make application to the board for a limited pardon that would allow the person to carry a firearm used for hunting to and from his hunting destination and use it while hunting.”

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

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