**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ACT 975 OF 1962, RELATING TO THE DARLINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF’S CONTROL OVER COUNTY PRISONERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT STATES “NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS ACT SHALL BE CONSTRUED AS GIVING THE SHERIFF ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER THE COUNTY CHAIN GANG.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Act 975 of 1962 is amended to read:

“Section 1. The Sheriff of Darlington County shall have exclusive control of the employment and housing of county prisoners, the appointment of trustees from among the county prisoners, and the designation of county employees who may be housed in the county jail. ~~Provided, however, that nothing contained in this act shall be construed as giving the Sheriff any control of authority over the county chain gang.~~”

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

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