COMMITTEE AMENDMENT AMENDED AND ADOPTED

March 8, 2012

**H. 3527**

Introduced by Reps. Gilliard, McEachern, Spires, Butler Garrick, King, Jefferson, Sabb, Munnerlyn, V.S. Moss, Cobb‑Hunter, Herbkersman, Willis, Harrell, Pope, D.C. Moss, Norman, Hearn, Horne, Murphy, Bikas, Viers, Whipper and R.L. Brown

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑3‑970 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE TO BE A MEMBER OF AN INTERNET‑BASED SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑970. (A) It is unlawful for an inmate, or a person acting on behalf of or enabling an inmate, to be a member of any internet‑based social networking website such as Facebook, Myspace, and Classmates. An inmate who joins an internet‑based social networking website or a person who establishes an account with an internet‑based social network website for an inmate is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.

(B) The provisions of this section apply only to inmates incarcerated in a state Department of Corrections facility.”

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

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