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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.

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. It is unlawful for an inmate, or a person acting in behalf of or enabling an inmate, to utilize any internet-based social networking website for purposes of harassing, intimidating or otherwise contacting a crime victim. An inmate or person acting in behalf of an inmate utilizing an internet-based social networking website for purposes described herein 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.

The provisions of this section apply only to inmates incarcerated in a State Department of Corrections facility.”

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

/s/Sen. C. Bradley Hutto /s/Rep. Wendell G. Gilliard

/s/Sen. Paul G. Campbell, Jr. /s/Rep. J. Todd Rutherford

/s/Sen. Pillip W. Shoopman /s/Rep. William G. Herbkersman

On Part of the Senate. On Part of the House.

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