**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 22, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE UNIFORM EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, BY ADDING SECTION 17‑22‑935 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN NON-VIOLENT OFFENSES MAY BE EXPUNGED AND TO ESTABLISH THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE EXPUNGEMENT MAY OCCUR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 22, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 17‑22‑935. A conviction for a non‑violent offense, other than those enumerated in Section 17‑22‑910, where the offender has completed his sentence, including probation and parole, and five years have elapsed since completing his sentence during which the offender was not convicted, plead guilty, or plead nolo contendere to any other offense, may be expunged from the offender’s criminal record upon application to the appropriate solicitor’s office.”

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

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