**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 17‑22‑720 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE WORTHLESS CHECK UNIT OF A JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FROM ACCEPTING A CASE WHERE THE UNIT PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED FULL RESTITUTION FROM THE DRAWER OF THE CHECK BEFORE PROSECUTION ON MORE THAN THREE OCCASIONS WHEN THE AMOUNT OF FULL RESTITUTION EXCEEDS ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 22, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 17‑22‑720. The Worthless Check Unit of a judicial circuit may not accept a case when the unit previously collected full restitution from the drawer of the check, draft, or other written order before prosecution was initiated on more than three occasions when the amount of full restitution, exclusive of any other fee or charge, exceeds one thousand dollars.”

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

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