COMMITTEE REPORT

March 21, 2012

**H. 4915**

Introduced by Reps. McCoy, Harrell and Tallon

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**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4915) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by repealing Section 19‑11‑50 relating to the prohibition against the testimony of a defendant being used against, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

JAMES H. HARRISON for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY REPEALING SECTION 19‑11‑50 RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE TESTIMONY OF A DEFENDANT BEING USED AGAINST HIM IN ANOTHER CRIMINAL CASE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19‑11‑50 of the 1976 Code is repealed.

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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