**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 14-7-1730, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE TO HEAR MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATE GRAND JURY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON INDICTED BY A STATE GRAND JURY FOR A BAILABLE OFFENSE MUST HAVE A BOND HEARING WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND BE RELEASED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14-7-1730 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 335 of 1992, is further amended to read:

“Section 14-7-1730. (A) Except for the prosecution of cases arising from indictments issued by the state grand jury, the presiding judge has jurisdiction to hear all matters arising from the proceedings of a state grand jury, including, but not limited to, matters relating to the impanelment or removal of state grand jurors, the quashing of subpoenas, the punishment for contempt, and the matter of bail for persons indicted by a state grand jury.

(B) A person indicted by a state grand jury for a bailable offense must have a bond hearing within twenty-four hours of his arrest and must be released within a reasonable time, not to exceed four hours, after the bond is delivered to the incarcerating facility.”

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

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