**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 22‑5‑530, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PAYMENTS THAT MAY BE MADE TO A MAGISTRATE, MUNICIPAL JUDGE, JAIL, OR DETENTION CENTER TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF A PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF A PERSON WHOSE BOND HAS BEEN SET BY A MAGISTRATE OR MUNICIPAL JUDGE UPON POSTING THE AMOUNT WITH THE JAIL OR DETENTION CENTER.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22‑5‑530(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) In a jurisdiction in which the governing body has established a system for receipt of deposits in lieu of recognizance, a person held or incarcerated in a jail or detention center who is entitled to deposit a sum of money in lieu of entering into recognizance under this section may secure his immediate release from custody by paying to or depositing the sum of money required by this section with the jail or detention facility in which he is being held. A person whose bond has been set by a magistrate or municipal judge may secure his immediate release by posting the amount set by the judge with the jail or detention center.”

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

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