**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES FROM RECEIVING OR CONTINUING TO RECEIVE ALIMONY FROM THE VICTIM OF THE CRIMINAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 25, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16-25-130. A person convicted of criminal domestic violence pursuant to the provisions of Section 16-25-20, or criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature pursuant to Section 16-25-65, is not eligible to receive, or continue to receive, alimony from the victim of the offense. A victim of criminal domestic violence or criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature may petition the family court with jurisdiction over the matter for termination of alimony which must be considered a substantial change in circumstances and the court shall order the termination of alimony.”

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

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