**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GAMBLING AND LOTTERIES, BY ADDING SECTION 16-19-60, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SOCIAL CARD AND DICE GAMES ARE NOT UNLAWFUL.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16-19-60. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, it is not unlawful for persons who are members of a club or other social organization to gather for the purpose of engaging in games of cards or dice, including, but not limited to, canasta, mahjong, and bridge, where the games are played among members in a private residence, home, or community clubhouse or similar structure and no mechanical or electronic devices or machines, slot machines, or video games of chance are used or incorporated into the games, no person receives any economic benefit other than personal winnings, the host of the game or owner or lessee of the location in which the games are played does not receive a percentage of the winnings, a bona fide social relationship among the participants exists, and, except for the advantage of skill or luck, the risks of losing or winning are the same for all parties.”

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

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