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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63‑5‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN OFFENDER SENTENCED TO NINETY OR FEWER DAYS IMPRISONMENT WHO IS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF SENTENCING AND IS ABLE TO MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT MAY SERVE HIS SENTENCE AT A TIME WHEN HE IS NOT WORKING AND THE SENTENCE DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH HIS EMPLOYMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR WAGE GARNISHMENT TO SATISFY CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑5‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding a new subsection at the end to read:

“(C)(1) A person convicted pursuant to subsection (A) may serve his sentence at a time when the person is not working and the sentence does not interfere with his employment if the person:

(a) is sentenced to serve ninety or fewer days of imprisonment;

(b) is employed at the time of sentencing; and

(c) maintains his employment while serving his sentence. (2) Wages earned during his sentence must be garnished to satisfy child support payments ordered by the court.”

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

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