**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 16 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑1‑140 TO ENHANCE THE SENTENCE FOR INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED OF A SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE THAT HE COMMITTED WHILE HE WAS RELEASED ON BOND FOR A SEPARATE SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR LESSER INCLUDED OFFENSE FOR WHICH HE WAS ALSO CONVICTED.

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

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

“Section 16‑1‑140. If a person is convicted of a serious offense or most serious offense as defined by Section 17‑25‑45, a violent crime as defined by Section 16‑1‑60, or a lesser included offense, which the person committed while released on bond for a separate serious offense or most serious offense as defined by Section 17‑25‑45, a violent crime as defined by Section 16‑1‑60, or a lesser included offense, for which the person was also convicted, then the person may have added to the person’s sentence an amount of imprisonment up to forty percent of the maximum sentence for the offense the person committed while released on bond.”

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

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