**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-1065 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNPILOTED AERIAL VEHICLE THAT IS ARMED WITH A WEAPON, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 3, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16-3-1065. (A) It is unlawful for a person to operate an unmanned aerial vehicle, an unpiloted aerial vehicle, or a remotely piloted aerial vehicle that is armed with a weapon. A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than three years.

(B) This section does not apply to a law enforcement agency or a branch of the military.”

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

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