**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICIALS THAT POSSESS A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT WHO ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON WHILE PERFORMING THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ELECTED STATE OR LOCAL OFFICIAL, OR COUNTY OR CITY ADMINISTRATOR WHO POSSESSES A VALID PERMIT MAY CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON UPON ANY PROPERTY OWNED OR POSSESSED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑31‑240 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23‑31‑240. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State, when carrying out the duties of their office:

(1) active Supreme Court justices;

(2) active judges of the court of appeals;

(3) active circuit court judges;

(4) active family court judges;

(5) active masters‑in‑equity;

(6) active probate court judges;

(7) active magistrates;

(8) active municipal court judges;

(9) active federal judges;

(10) active administrative law judges;

(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors; and

(12) active workers’ compensation commissioners.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, any elected state or local official, or county or city administrator who possesses a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon upon any property owned or possessed by the State or a local governmental entity.”

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

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