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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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2/1/2018 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\sj\20180201.docx))

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3/21/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20180321.docx))

3/28/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 17](file:///h:\sj\20180328.docx))

3/29/2018 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20180329.docx))

3/29/2018 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20180329.docx))

3/29/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj\20180329.docx))

4/3/2018 Scrivener's error corrected

4/5/2018 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20180405.docx))

4/5/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\hj\20180405.docx))

5/3/2018 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20180503.docx))

5/9/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\hj\20180509.docx))

5/9/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑90 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 68](file:///h:\hj\20180509.docx))

5/10/2018 House Read third time and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h:\hj\20180510.docx))

5/14/2018 Ratified R 222

5/17/2018 Signed By Governor

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(A204, R222, S959)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16‑11‑770, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ILLEGAL GRAFFITI VANDALISM, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR A FIRST OFFENSE.**

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

**Graffiti vandalism, first offense penalty revised**

SECTION 1. Section 16‑11‑770(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) It is unlawful for a person to engage in the offense of illegal graffiti vandalism and, upon conviction, for a:

(1) first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days;

(2) second offense, within ten years, is guilty of a misdemeanor and must be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year; and

(3) third or subsequent offense within ten years of a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and must be fined not more than three thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2018.

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