**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 20‑3‑10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE, SO AS TO ADD AS A GROUND CONDUCT OR TREATMENT THAT DESTROYS THE WELL-BEING, HAPPINESS, AND WELFARE OF A SPOUSE AND RENDERS CONTINUED COHABITATION UNSAFE OR UNENDURABLE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20‑3‑10 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 20‑3‑10. No divorce from the bonds of matrimony shall be granted except upon one or more of the following grounds, to wit:

(1) adultery;

(2) desertion for a period of one year;

(3) physical cruelty;

(4) habitual drunkenness; provided, that this ground shall be construed to include habitual drunkenness caused by the use of any narcotic drug; ~~or~~

(5) conduct or treatment which destroys or tends to destroy the mental or physical well‑being, happiness, and welfare of the other and renders continued cohabitation unsafe or unendurable; or

(6) on the application of either party if and when the husband and wife have lived separate and apart without cohabitation for a period of one year. A plea of res judicata or of recrimination with respect to any other provision of this section shall not be a bar to either party obtaining a divorce on this ground.”

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

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