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May 4, 2017

**S. 324**

Introduced by Senators Peeler, Hutto and McElveen

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON WHILE ON DUTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE RETIRED FROM CERTAIN OFFICES AND CLERKS OF COURT IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE.

Amend Title To Conform

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) the Attorney General of South Carolina;

(12) active solicitors, ~~and~~ assistant solicitors, and assistant attorneys general; ~~and~~

(13) active circuit public defenders and assistant public defenders;

~~(12)~~(14) active workers’ compensation commissioners;

(15) elected clerks of court;

(16) the current Clerk of the South Carolina Supreme Court, and the Clerk of the South Carolina Court of Appeals; and

(17) the Clerk of the South Carolina Administrative Law Court.

(B) 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:

(1) retired Supreme Court justices;

(2) retired judges of the court of appeals;

(3) retired circuit court judges;

(4) retired family court judges;

(5) retired probate court judges;

(6) retired federal judges;

(7) retired Attorneys General of South Carolina, solicitors, and retired circuit public defenders;

(8) retired assistant solicitors, assistant attorneys general, and retired assistant public defenders who have completed five years or more of service as an assistant solicitor, assistant attorney general, assistant public defender, or a combination thereof;

(9) retired elected clerks of court; and

(10) retired clerks of the South Carolina Supreme Court and clerks of the South Carolina Court of Appeals as described is subsection (A)(15).

(C) For any person who obtains a concealed weapon permit pursuant to this section, SLED shall design and issue a concealed weapons permit identification card that clearly identifies the holder’s current or former position for which the card was issued.”

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

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