**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑1‑250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO KNOWINGLY OBSTRUCT OR RENDER INOPERABLE A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE’S VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT OR A BODY‑WORN CAMERA AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑1‑250. (A) It is unlawful for a law enforcement officer to knowingly obstruct or render inoperable a law enforcement vehicle’s video recording equipment or an officer’s body‑worn camera.

(B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than one year, or fined not more than one thousand dollars, or both.”

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

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