**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 19-5-520(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF CERTIFIED BUSINESS RECORDS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ORIGINAL OR A COPY OF A FOREIGN RECORD THAT IS CERTIFIED DOES NOT REQUIRE THE TESTIMONY OF THE CUSTODIAN OR ANOTHER QUALIFIED WITNESS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19-5-520(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) ~~In a civil case, the~~ The original or a copy of a foreign record that is certified by the custodian or another qualified person and otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (A)~~, modified as follows: the certification, rather than complying with a state statute or court rule,~~ must be signed in a manner that, if falsely made, would subject the maker to a criminal penalty in the jurisdiction where the certification is signed. The testimony of the custodian or another qualified witness is not required. The proponent also shall meet the notice requirements of subsection (A).”

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

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