**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 20-4-20(b)(iv) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PROTECTIONS FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “HOUSEHOLD MEMBER” TO INCLUDE ALL PERSONS WHO ARE COHABITING OR FORMERLY HAVE COHABITED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 16-25-10(3)(d) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “HOUSEHOLD MEMBER” TO INCLUDE ALL PERSONS WHO ARE COHABITING OR FORMERLY HAVE COHABITED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20-4-20(b)(iv) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(iv) ~~a male and female~~ persons who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.”

SECTION 2. Section 16-25-10(3)(d) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(d) ~~a male and female~~ persons who are cohabiting or formerly have cohabited.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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