**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑370, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO PENALTIES FOR TRAFFICKING OF MARIJUANA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE PENALTY FOR FIRST OFFENSE TRAFFICKING OF AT LEAST TEN POUNDS BUT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OF MARIJUANA.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑53‑370(e)(1)(a)1 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“1. for a first offense, a term of imprisonment of not less than one year nor more than ten years, no part of which may be suspended nor probation granted and of which up to one year may be by house arrest monitored by the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services with an active electronic monitoring device, and a fine of ten thousand dollars;”

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

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