**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑3‑560 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A SEX OFFENDER TO WORK OR PERFORM VOLUNTEER SERVICE WITH OR AROUND MINOR CHILDREN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES UNLESS APPROVED BY A CIRCUIT COURT ORDER THAT REQUIRES THE OFFENDER’S EMPLOYMENT OR VOLUNTEER SERVICE BE RECORDED IN THE OFFENDER’S SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY FILE, TO PROVIDE THAT COURT COSTS AND FILING FEES MUST BE PAID BY THE OFFENDER, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑3‑560. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law to the contrary, it is unlawful for a person required to register pursuant to this article to work for any person or as a sole proprietor, with or without compensation, at any location where a minor is present and the person’s responsibilities or activities would include instruction, supervision, or care of a minor or minors, unless his employment or volunteer service is approved by a circuit court order and recorded in his sex offender registry file.

(B) All court costs and fees associated with the provisions contained in subsection (A) must be paid by the offender.

(C) A person who violates this provision is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than five years.”

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

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