**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑210, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM “CONCEALABLE WEAPON” TO ALLOW A PERMIT HOLDER TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON OPENLY ON HIS PERSON.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑31‑210(5) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(5) ‘Concealable weapon’ means a firearm having a length of less than twelve inches measured along its greatest dimension that ~~must~~ may be carried in a manner that is hidden from public view in normal wear of clothing except when needed for self‑defense, defense of others, and the protection of real or personal property or openly on one’s person.”

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

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