**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 24‑21‑50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF PAROLE, PARDON, AND CLEMENCY HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT A PAROLE HEARING MUST BE TAKEN UNDER OATH, AND THAT POTENTIAL PAROLEES BEING CONSIDERED FOR PAROLE OR THEIR COUNSEL HAS A RIGHT TO CONFRONT ANY WITNESS THAT APPEARS BEFORE THE BOARD DURING THEIR HEARING.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24‑21‑50 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 24‑21‑50. (A) The board shall grant hearings and permit arguments and appearances by counsel or any individual before it at any such hearing while considering a case for parole, pardon, or any other form of clemency provided for under law.

(B) ~~No~~ Only a potential parolee ~~inmate~~ who is being considered for parole or their counsel has a right of confrontation at the hearing.

(C) All testimony presented at a parole hearing must be taken under oath.”

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

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