**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑13‑490 SO AS TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO COMMITS A VIOLENT CRIME AGAINST CERTAIN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES AND WORKERS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑13‑490. (A) A person convicted of a violent crime, as contained in Section 16‑1‑60, against a public transportation driver, employee, or employee of a contractor working for a public transportation system, must be sentenced to a consecutive term of imprisonment that equals an additional twenty‑five percent of the sentence imposed for the commission of the violent crime when the crime victim was actively working for the transportation system.

(B) The court also may prohibit a person sentenced under this section from using any public transportation system in this State for five years.”

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

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