**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 24‑21‑645, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE GRANTING OF PAROLE, CONDITIONS OF PAROLE PLACED ON A PAROLEE, AND THE REVIEW SCHEDULE FOLLOWING THE DENIAL OF PAROLE, SO AS TO PROVIDE UPON A NEGATIVE DETERMINATION OF PAROLE FOR CERTAIN PRISONERS IN CONFINEMENT FOR A VIOLENT CRIME, THEIR CASES MUST BE REVIEWED EVERY FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF EVERY TWO YEARS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 24‑21‑645(D) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(D) Upon satisfactory completion of the provisional period, the director or one lawfully acting for him must issue an order which, if accepted by the prisoner, shall provide for his release from custody. However, upon a negative determination of parole, prisoners in confinement for a violent crime as defined in Section 16‑1‑60 must have their cases reviewed every ~~two~~ five years for the purpose of a determination of parole, except that prisoners who are eligible for parole pursuant to Section 16‑25‑90, and who are subsequently denied parole must have their cases reviewed every twelve months for the purpose of a determination of parole. This subsection applies retroactively to a prisoner who has had a parole hearing pursuant to Section 16‑25‑90 prior to the effective date of this act.”

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

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