**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, 1976, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-485 TO REQUIRE AN OFFENDER WHO IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER TO INFORM AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIAL, MANAGER, OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF HIS STATUS AS A SEX OFFENDER UPON ENTRANCE TO AN EMERGENCY SHELTER, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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 23-3-485. (A) An offender required to register pursuant to this Article must notify either an administrative official, manager, or an on-site law enforcement officer of his status as a registered sex offender upon his entrance into any emergency shelter.

(B) A person convicted for a violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, or both.

(C) Nothing in this chapter imposes an affirmative duty on the emergency shelter staff, volunteers, or law enforcement officers to disclose to a member of the public information from the sex offender disclosure.”

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

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