**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑1‑235 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL NOT PURCHASE CELL‑SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY FROM A COMPANY THAT REQUIRES THE PURCHASER OF THIS EQUIPMENT TO ENTER INTO A NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “CELL‑SITE SIMULATOR TECHNOLOGY”.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑1‑235. (A) A law enforcement agency shall not purchase cell‑site simulator technology from a company that requires the purchaser of the equipment to enter into a nondisclosure agreement.

(B) As contained in this section, ‘cell‑site simulator technology’ means technology designed to intercept cell phone signals and capture text messages, emails, and other data.”

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

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