**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 17‑13‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN CITIZENS MAY ARREST, SO AS TO LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A CITIZEN MAY ARREST, INCLUDING TAKING THE LIFE OF THE PERSON, TO ARREST OF A PERSON WHO HAS ENTERED A DWELLING HOUSE WITHOUT EXPRESS OR IMPLIED PERMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 17‑13‑20 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 17‑13‑20. A citizen may arrest a person in the nighttime by efficient means as the darkness and the probability of escape render necessary, even if the life of the person should be taken, when the person~~:~~

~~(a)~~ ~~has committed a felony;~~

~~(b)~~ has entered a dwelling house without express or implied permission~~;~~

~~(c)~~ ~~has broken or is breaking into an outhouse with a view to plunder;~~

~~(d)~~ ~~has in his possession stolen property; or~~

~~(e)~~ ~~being under circumstances which raise just suspicion of his design to steal or to commit some felony, flees when he is hailed~~.”

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

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