**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑17‑780 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON FROM KNOWINGLY MAKING RESTRICTED PERSONAL INFORMATION PUBLICLY AVAILABLE OF A COVERED PERSON OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY WITH THE INTENT TO THREATEN, INTIMIDATE, OR INCITE HARASSMENT OR THE COMMISSION OF A VIOLENT CRIME.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 17, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑17‑780. (A) As used in this section:

(1) ‘Covered person’ means an active or former:

(a) elected official;

(b) member or employee of the federal judiciary;

(c) member or employee of the judiciary, administrative law court, or a municipal judge in this State;

(d) director, acting director, or employee of a state agency;

(e) municipal, state, or federal prosecutor who has prosecuted actions in this State;

(f) municipal, state, or federal public defender or appellate defender who has served in that capacity in this State; or

(g) law enforcement officer who has served in an active capacity in this State.

(2) ‘Restricted personal information’ means, with respect to an individual, a social security number, home address, unlisted home phone number, mobile phone number, and personal email of an individual.

(3) ‘Violent crime’ has the same meaning as provided in Section 16‑1‑60.

(B) A person may not knowingly make restricted personal information about a covered person or a member of the immediately family of a covered person publicly available with the:

(1) intent to threaten, intimidate, or incite harassment or the commission of a violent crime; or

(2) with the intent and knowledge that the restricted personal information will be used to threaten, intimidate, incite harassment, or incite the commission of a violent crime against the person.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for not more than five years.”

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

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