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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 17‑25‑45, relating to Life sentences for persons convicted of certain crimes and the list of “most serious offenses”, so as to delete an obsolete reference to Section 16‑3‑655(3).

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

SECTION 1. Section 17‑25‑45(C)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) “Most serious offense” means:

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| 21  22 | 16‑1‑40 | Accessory, for any offense enumerated in this item |
| 23  24 | 16‑1‑80 | Attempt, for any offense enumerated in this item |
| 25 | 16‑3‑10 | Murder |
| 26 | 16‑3‑29 | Attempted Murder |
| 27 | 16‑3‑50 | Voluntary manslaughter |
| 28 | 16‑3‑85(A)(1) | Homicide by child abuse |
| 29  30 | 16‑3‑85(A)(2) | Aiding and abetting homicide by child abuse |
| 31 | 16‑3‑210 | Lynching, First degree |
| 32  33 | 16‑3‑210(B) | Assault and battery by mob, First degree |
| 34  35 | 16‑3‑620 | Assault and battery with intent to kill |
| 36  37 | 16‑3‑652 | Criminal sexual conduct, First degree |
| 38  39 | 16‑3‑653 | Criminal sexual conduct, Second degree |

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| 1  2  3  4  5  6  7  8  9  10  11  12 | 16‑3‑655 | Criminal sexual conduct with minors, except where evidence presented at the criminal proceeding and the court, after the conviction, makes a specific finding on the record that the conviction obtained for this offense resulted from consensual sexual conduct where the victim was younger than the actor, as contained in Section 16‑3‑655(3) |
| 13  14  15 | 16‑3‑656 | Assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct, First and Second degree |
| 16 | 16‑3‑910 | Kidnapping |
| 17  18 | 16‑3‑920 | Conspiracy to commit kidnapping |
| 19 | 16‑3‑1075 | Carjacking |
| 20 | 16‑3‑2020 | Trafficking in persons |
| 21 | 16‑11‑110(A) | Arson, First degree |
| 22 | 16‑11‑311 | Burglary, First degree |
| 23 | 16‑11‑330(A) | Armed robbery |
| 24 | 16‑11‑330(B) | Attempted armed robbery |
| 25  26  27  28 | 16‑11‑540 | Damaging or destroying building, vehicle, or other property by means of explosive incendiary, death results |
| 29  30 | 24‑13‑450 | Taking of a hostage by an inmate |
| 31  32  33 | 25‑7‑30 | Giving information respecting national or state defense to foreign contacts during war |
| 34  35 | 25‑7‑40 | Gathering information for an enemy |
| 36  37  38 | 43‑35‑85(F) | Abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult resulting in death |
| 39  40  41 | 55‑1‑30(3) | Unlawful removing or damaging of airport facility or equipment when death results |
| 42  43  44  45 | 56‑5‑1030(B)(3) | Interference with traffic‑control devices or railroad signs or signals prohibited when death results from violation |
| 46  47 | 58‑17‑4090 | Obstruction of railroad, death results. |

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

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