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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑23‑215 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF USE OF A WATERCRAFT OR AN OUTBOARD MOTOR WITHOUT PERMISSION AND DAMAGING OR TAMPERING WITH A WATERCRAFT OR AN OUTBOARD MOTOR AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑23‑215. (A) It is unlawful for a person:

(1) not entitled to possession of a watercraft or an outboard motor to take or use a watercraft or an outboard motor, without the consent of the owner and with the intent to deprive him of the watercraft or outboard motor or its possession; or

(2) to damage a watercraft or an outboard motor or remove any of their parts or components or to tamper with a watercraft or an outboard motor or attempt to set them in motion without right to do so and with the intent to commit a crime.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than three years.

(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A)(1), if the deprivation of the owner was for a temporary purpose only and was unconnected with the commission of or intent to commit a crime other than the temporary taking of a watercraft or an outboard motor, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

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

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