**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 20‑4‑80, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MAILING OR SERVICE OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE, SO AS TO REQUIRE SERVICE OF AN ORDER OF PROTECTION ON A RESPONDENT WITHIN FORTY‑EIGHT HOURS OF ITS ISSUANCE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 20‑4‑80 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 166 of 2005, is further amended to read:

“Section 20‑4‑80. A certified copy of an order of protection must be mailed to ~~or served upon~~ the petitioner~~, the respondent,~~ and local law enforcement agencies having jurisdiction in the area where the petitioner resides and must be mailed to and served upon the respondent within forty‑eight hours of its issuance. ~~No charge~~ The petitioner may not be ~~made to the petitioner~~ charged for ~~such~~ this action.”

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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