**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 24 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 24-1-300, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO OPERATE AN UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE WITHIN A CERTAIN DISTANCE OF A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FACILITY WITHOUT WRITTEN CONSENT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24-1-300. (A) A person shall not operate an unmanned aerial vehicle within a horizontal distance of five hundred feet or a vertical distance of two hundred fifty feet from any Department of Corrections facility without written consent from the director of the Department of Corrections.

(B) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.”

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

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