**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑23‑45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MUST UNDERGO A MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION BEFORE THEY CAN BECOME CERTIFIED OR RECERTIFIED AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EVALUATION MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL.

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

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

“Section 23‑23‑45. All candidates seeking to become certified law enforcement officers in this State and all certified law enforcement officers who are undergoing recertification must undergo a mental health evaluation before they can become certified or recertified. The evaluation must be conducted under the direction of the Law Enforcement Training Council.”

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

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