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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 23-31-240, relating to Persons allowed to carry concealable weapons within the State, TO INCLUDE ACTIVE CIRCUIT PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23-31-240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 23-31-240. Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State:

(1) active Supreme Court justices;

(2) active judges of the court of appeals;

(3) active circuit court judges;

(4) active family court judges;

(5) active masters-in-equity;

(6) active probate court judges;

(7) active magistrates;

(8) active municipal court judges;

(9) active federal judges;

(10) active administrative law judges;

(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors;

(12) active circuit public defenders and public defenders,

(12) (13) active workers' compensation commissioners; and

(13) (14) the Attorney General and assistant attorneys general.

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

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