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A Bill to amend Section 2-25-10, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Criminal Laws, so as to increase the membership of the Committee; to amend Section 16-1-20, as amended, relating to classes of felonies and misdemeanors, so as to provide that the minimum term of imprisonment does not apply to misdemeanors listed in Section 16-1-100 and to further provide that this provision does not apply when the offense prohibits suspension of any part of the sentence; to amend Section 16-1-57, relating to the classification of repeat offenders for certain property crimes, so as to provide that third or subsequent offenses are Class E felonies; to amend Section 16-1-60, as amended, relating to violent crimes, so as to add the offense of trafficking in crack cocaine and to repeal the provision requiring the crime to be defined as a violent crime at the time it was committed; to amend Section 16-11-330, as amended, relating to armed robbery, so as to require a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of not less than ten years, no part of which may be suspended or probation granted; to amend Section 16-13-10, as amended, relating to forgery, Section 16-13-210, as amended, relating to embezzlement, and Section 16-13-425, as amended, relating to the failure to return video and cassette tapes, so as to revise the penalties for these offenses; to amend Section 16-14-20, Sections 16-14-40, as amended, 16-14-60, as amended, and 16-14-70, as amended, relating to financial transaction card fraud, so as to revise the penalties for these offenses; to amend Section 16-15-305, relating to obscenity, so as to increase the penalty to conform with the Crime Classification Act of 1993; to amend Section 22-3-545, as amended, relating to the temporary authority to transfer certain criminal cases from General Sessions Court to Magistrate's Court, so as to make permanent the authority to transfer these cases; to amend Sections 44-53-370, as amended, and 44-53-375, as amended, relating to trafficking in certain controlled substances and crack cocaine, respectively, so as to provide for a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment without parole, work release, or supervised furlough; and to provide for the prospective and retrospective application of the provisions of this Act.

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