**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑17‑755 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANYONE TO INTENTIONALLY DISSEMINATE FOR PUBLICATION ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AN APPLICATION FOR A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT OR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF A PERSON WHO HAS APPLIED FOR OR HAS BEEN ISSUED A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 7, Chapter 17, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑17‑755. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, it is unlawful for an employee of SLED, another law enforcement agency, or any other person to intentionally disseminate for publication any information contained in an application for a concealed weapon permit or any information regarding the identity of a person who has applied for or has been issued a concealed weapon permit absent a valid court order that requires the release of this information.

(B) A person who violates this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.”

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

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