**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑215 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT IS VALID UNTIL THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION DETERMINES THE RENEWAL APPLICATION IS DENIED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑31‑215(Q) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(Q) Upon submission of the items required by subsection (P) of this section, SLED must conduct or facilitate a local, state, and federal fingerprint review of the applicant. If the background check is favorable, SLED must renew the permit. The permit remains valid during the review and until SLED determines the renewal application should be denied.”

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

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