**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑17‑760 SO AS TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS, PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF CRIME OR ACCIDENT SCENE IMAGES OF MINORS ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR THROUGH OTHER SIMILAR MEANS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as “Allison’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Article 7, Chapter 17, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑17‑760. (A) As used in this section, the term:

(1) ‘Crime or accident scene image’ means a photograph or video recording taken at a crime or accident scene that depicts a minor, whether deceased or not, in a crime or accident scene.

(2) ‘Minor’ means a person under the age of eighteen.

(3) ‘Social media’ means a category of Internet sites based on user participation and user‑generated content centered on user interaction.

(B) It is unlawful for a person, in connection with a social media service, or through other similar means, to utilize a social media service to knowingly post or otherwise publish a crime or accident scene image of a minor. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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