**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 16‑25‑130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PERSON CONVICTED OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE FROM RECEIVING OR CONTINUING TO RECEIVE ALIMONY FROM THE VICTIM OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 25, Title 16 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 16‑25‑130. A person convicted of a domestic violence offense pursuant to Section 16‑25‑20 or Section 16‑25‑65 is not eligible to receive, or continue to receive, alimony from the victim of the offense. A victim of a domestic violence offense may petition the family court with jurisdiction over the matter for termination of alimony which must be considered a substantial change in circumstances and the court shall order the termination of alimony.”

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

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