**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 63‑7‑2570(11) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CONCEPTION OF A CHILD AS A RESULT OF THE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT OF A BIOLOGICAL PARENT, AS FOUND BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, WILL TERMINATE THE RIGHTS OF THAT BIOLOGICAL PARENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 63‑7‑2570(11) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 63‑7‑2570. (11) Conception of a child as a result of the criminal sexual conduct of a biological parent, as found by a court of competent jurisdiction, ~~is grounds for terminating~~ will terminate the rights of that biological parent, unless the sentencing court makes specific findings on the record that the conviction resulted from consensual sexual conduct when neither the victim nor the actor were younger than fourteen years of age nor older than eighteen years of age at the time of the offense.”

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

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