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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

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**S. 324**

Introduced by Senators Peeler, Hutto and McElveen

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 23‑31‑240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON WHILE ON DUTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE PERSONS WHO ARE RETIRED FROM CERTAIN OFFICES AND CLERKS OF COURT IN THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑31‑240 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 23‑31‑240.(A) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State, when carrying out the duties of their office:

(1) active Supreme Court justices;

(2) active judges of the court of appeals;

(3) active circuit court judges;

(4) active family court judges;

(5) active masters‑in‑equity;

(6) active probate court judges;

(7) active magistrates;

(8) active municipal court judges;

(9) active federal judges;

(10) active administrative law judges;

(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors; ~~and~~

(12) active circuit public defenders and assistant public defenders;

~~(12)~~(13) active workers’ compensation commissioners; and

(14) elected clerks of court.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State:

(1) retired Supreme Court justices;

(2) retired judges of the court of appeals;

(3) retired circuit court judges;

(4) retired family court judges;

(5) retired probate court judges;

(6) retired federal judges;

(7) retired solicitors and retired assistant solicitors with the consent of the solicitor;

(8) retired circuit public defenders and retired assistant public defenders with the consent of the circuit public defender; and

(9) retired elected clerks of court.

(C) For any person who obtains a concealed weapon permit pursuant to this section, SLED shall design and issue a concealed weapons permit identification card that clearly identifies the holder’s current or former position for which the card was issued.”

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

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