**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23‑1‑250 SO AS TO PROVIDE ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUST EMPLOY OR MAINTAIN A CONTRACT WITH A LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 56 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 23‑1‑250. All law enforcement agencies must employ or maintain a contract with a licensed mental health professional.”

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

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