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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23‑1‑212, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF STATE CRIMINAL LAWS BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO ADD SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE DEFINITION OF “FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 23‑1‑212(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) For purposes of this section, “federal law enforcement officer” means the following persons who are employed as full‑time law enforcement officers by the federal government and who are authorized to carry firearms while performing their duties:

(1) Federal Bureau of Investigation special agents;

(2) Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms special agents;

(3) Drug Enforcement Administration special agents;

(4) United States Secret Service special agents;

(5) United States Customs Service officers;

(6) United States Postal Service inspectors;

(7) Internal Revenue Service special agents;

(8) United States Marshal's Service marshals and deputy marshals;

(9) United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service law enforcement officers and special agents;

(10) United States Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife special agents;

(11) United States National Marine Fisheries special agents;

(12) National Park Service Rangers.;

(13) Special agents of the Department of Defense, including:

(a) Army Criminal Investigation Division;

(b) Naval Criminal Investigation Division;

(c) Air Force Office of Special Investigations;

(d) Defense Criminal Investigative Service.

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

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