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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16‑23‑410, RELATING TO POINTING A FIREARM AT ANOTHER PERSON, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRESENTATION OF A FIREARM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16‑23‑410 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 Section 16‑23‑410. (A) It is unlawful for a person to present or point at another person a loaded or unloaded firearm.

 (B) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined in the discretion of the court or imprisoned not more than five years. This section must not be construed to abridge the right of self‑defense or to apply to theatricals or like performances.

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide.  After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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