COMMITTEE REPORT

March 6, 2012

**H. 3527**

Introduced by Reps. Gilliard, McEachern, Spires, Butler Garrick, King, Jefferson, Sabb, Munnerlyn, V.S. Moss, Cobb‑Hunter, Herbkersman, Willis, Harrell, Pope, D.C. Moss, Norman, Hearn, Horne, Murphy, Bikas, Viers, Whipper and R.L. Brown

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Read the first time May 3, 2011.

**THE COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND PENOLOGY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3527) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 24‑3‑970 so as to provide that it is unlawful for an inmate to be a member, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 24-3-970, as contained in SECTION 1, page 1, by inserting after / inmate / on line 23 /, or a person acting on behalf of or enabling an inmate, /

When amended the section shall read:

/ “Section 24‑3‑970. It is unlawful for an inmate, or a person acting on behalf of or enabling an inmate, to be a member of any Internet‑based social networking website such as Facebook, Myspace, and Classmates. An inmate who joins an Internet‑based social networking website or a person who establishes an account with an Internet‑based social network website for an inmate is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

MICHAEL L. FAIR for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑3‑970 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE TO BE A MEMBER OF AN INTERNET‑BASED SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 3, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑3‑970. It is unlawful for an inmate to be a member of any Internet‑based social networking website such as Facebook, Myspace, and Classmates. An inmate who joins an Internet‑based social networking website or a person who establishes an account with an Internet‑based social network website for an inmate is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.”

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

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