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2/25/2015 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 3](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\02-25-15.docx))

3/4/2015 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\HJ%20Archive\2015\03-04-15.docx))

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(A4, R6, S177)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 19‑5‑520 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR CERTIFICATION, INSTEAD OF REQUIRING EXTRINSIC EVIDENCE, OF THE AUTHENTICITY OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN BUSINESS RECORDS OF REGULARLY CONDUCTED ACTIVITY FOR THE RECORDS TO BE ADMISSIBLE AND TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR FALSE CERTIFICATION.**

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

**Admissibility of certified business records**

SECTION 1. Article 9, Chapter 5, Title 19 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 19‑5‑520. In addition to those matters provided by Rule 902, South Carolina Rules of Evidence, extrinsic evidence of authenticity as a condition precedent to admissibility is not required with respect to the following:

(A) The original or a copy of a domestic record that meets the requirements of Rule 803(6), South Carolina Rules of Evidence, as shown by a certification of the custodian or another qualified person that complies with a state statute or a court rule. Before the trial or hearing, the proponent shall give an adverse party reasonable written notice of the intent to offer the record and shall make the record and certification available for inspection so that the party has a fair opportunity to challenge the record.

(B) In a civil case, the original or a copy of a foreign record that is certified by the custodian or another qualified person and otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (A), modified as follows: the certification, rather than complying with a state statute or court rule, must be signed in a manner that, if falsely made, would subject the maker to a criminal penalty in the jurisdiction where the certification is signed. The proponent also shall meet the notice requirements of subsection (A).”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 25th day of March, 2015.

Approved the 27th day of March, 2015.

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