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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Sponsors: Reps. Bamberg, Henegan, Clyburn, Pitts, Cobb‑Hunter and Whipper

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Governor's Action: June 9, 2016, Signed

Summary: Quotas on citations issued by law enforcement

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/3/2015 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

 1/12/2016 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 50](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C01-12-16.docx))

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 1/14/2016 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pitts

 4/20/2016 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 357](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-20-16.docx))

 4/26/2016 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper

 4/26/2016 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 144](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-26-16.docx))

 4/26/2016 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 144](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-26-16.docx))

 4/26/2016 House Roll call Yeas‑99 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-26-16.docx))

 4/27/2016 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 19](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-27-16.docx))

 4/28/2016 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-28-16.docx))

 4/28/2016 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C04-28-16.docx))

 5/24/2016 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary**

 5/25/2016 Scrivener's error corrected

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 6/1/2016 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-01-16.docx))

 6/1/2016 Senate Roll call Ayes‑41 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 45](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-01-16.docx))

 6/2/2016 Scrivener's error corrected

 6/2/2016 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 58](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-02-16.docx))

 6/2/2016 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 78](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-02-16.docx))

 6/2/2016 House Roll call Yeas‑97 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 78](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2016%5C06-02-16.docx))

 6/6/2016 Ratified R 303

 6/9/2016 Signed By Governor

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR DIVISION MAY NOT REQUIRE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO ISSUE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT OR MEET A QUOTA FOR THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED, TO PROVIDE THAT A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, DEPARTMENT, OR DIVISION MAY EVALUATE AN OFFICER’S PERFORMANCE BASED ON THE OFFICER’S POINTS OF CONTACT, TO ESTABLISH THAT AN OFFICER WHO ALLEGES A VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IS PROTECTED BY THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 27 OF TITLE 8, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.**

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

**Law enforcement, quotas prohibited**

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 23 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 23‑1‑245. (A) A law enforcement agency, department, or division may not require a law enforcement officer employed by the agency, department, or division to issue a specific amount or meet a quota for the number of citations he issues during a designated period of time.

 (B) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement agency, department, or division from evaluating an officer’s performance based on the officer’s points of contact.

 (C) An employee of a law enforcement agency, department, or division who files a report with an appropriate authority alleging a violation of the provisions contained in this section is protected by the provisions contained in Chapter 27, Title 8.

 (D) As contained in this section:

 (1) ‘law enforcement agency, department, or division’ includes, but is not limited to, municipal police departments, sheriff departments, the Highway Patrol, SLED, and other agencies that enforce state and local laws;

 (2) ‘quota’ means a fixed or predetermined amount;

 (3) ‘points of contact’ means a law enforcement officer’s interaction with citizens and businesses within their jurisdictions and the law enforcement officer’s involvement in community‑oriented initiatives.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 6th day of June, 2016.

Approved the 9th day of June, 2016.

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