**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**H. 3927**

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Summary: Courts - Transfer of Certain Criminal Cases from General Sessions

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

April 21, 2021

**H. 3927**

Introduced by Reps. Stavrinakis and Murphy

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Read the first time February 18, 2021.

**THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3927) to amend Section 22‑3‑545, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to transfer of certain criminal cases from general sessions court, so as to, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

CHRIS MURPHY for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 22‑3‑545, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CRIMINAL CASES FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CRIMINAL CASES IN WHICH THE PENALTY DOES NOT EXCEED THREE YEARS, RATHER THAN ONE YEAR, MAY BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL SESSIONS COURT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22‑3‑545(A) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 22‑3‑540 and 22‑3‑550, a criminal case, the penalty for which the crime in the case does not exceed ~~five thousand five hundred dollars or one year~~ three years imprisonment~~, or both~~, either as originally charged or as charged pursuant to the terms of a plea agreement, may be transferred from general sessions court if the provisions of this section are followed.”

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

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