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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A bill

to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 16-1-140 so as to ENHANCE THE POSSIBLE SENTENCE FOR A PERSON CONVICTED OF A SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE, A VIOLENT CRIME, OR A LESSER-INCLUDED OFFENSE THAT WAS COMMITTED WHILE THE PERSON WAS RELEASED ON BOND FOR A SEPARATE, PREVIOUS SERIOUS OR MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE OR A VIOLENT CRIME OR A LESSER- INCLUDED OFFENSE FOR WHICH THE PERSON ALSO WAS CONVICTED.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16‑1‑140. If a person is convicted of a serious offense or most serious offense as defined by Section 17‑25‑45, a violent crime as defined by Section 16‑1‑60, or a lesser-included offense, any of which the person committed while released on bond for a separate, previous serious offense or most serious offense as defined by Section 17‑25‑45, a violent crime as defined by Section 16‑1‑60, or a lesser-included offense for which the person also was convicted, then the person may have added to his sentence an amount of imprisonment up to forty percent of the maximum sentence for the offense the person committed while released on bond.

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

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