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A BILL

TO AMEND CHAPTER 15, TITLE 17 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY
ADDING SECTION 17-15-110, TO PROVIDE THAT IF A
PERSON IS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING OR
ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT A GENERAL SESSIONS
OFFENSE WHILE ON A BAIL BOND OR PERSONAL
RECOGNIZANCE BOND, THE PERSON MUST BE
IMPRISONED FOR FIVE YEARS IN ADDITION TO THE
PUNISHMENT PROVIDED FOR THE PRINCIPAL OFFENSE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Title 17 of the 1976 Code is amended
by adding:

“Section 17-15-110. (A) If a person is convicted of
committing or attempting to commit a general sessions offense
while released on a bail bond or personal recognizance bond, the
person must be imprisoned for five years in addition to the
punishment provided for the principal offense. The five-year
sentence does not apply in cases where the death penalty or a life
sentence without parole is imposed.

(B) Service of the five-year sentence is mandatory unless a
longer mandatory minimum term of imprisonment is provided by
law. The court shall impose the mandatory five-year sentence to
run consecutively.

(C) A person sentenced pursuant to this section is not eligible
during the five-year period for parole, work release, or extended
work release. The five years must not be suspended, and the
person may not complete the term of imprisonment in less than
five years pursuant to good-time credits or work credits, but may
earn credits during the five-year period.

1 (D) The additional punishment must not be imposed unless the
2 indictment for the substantive general sessions offense alleges as a
3 separate count and pursuant to this section that the person was on
4 pre-trial release subject to the terms of a bail bond when the
5 substantive general sessions offense was committed and conviction
6 was had upon this count of the indictment. The penalties
7 prescribed in this section must not be imposed unless the person
8 convicted was at the same time convicted of the underlying,
9 substantive general sessions offense.”

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

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