

Solicitors' Association of South Carolina



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First Judicial Circuit

June 18, 2012

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Second Judicial Circuit

Ernest A. Finney III
Third Judicial Circuit

HAND DELIVERED

William B. Rogers, Jr.
Fourth Judicial Circuit

The Honorable Nikki Haley,
Governor of the State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Daniel E. Johnson
Fifth Judicial Circuit

Douglas A. Barfield, Jr.
Sixth Judicial Circuit

Re: Request to Veto R284, H3127 (Expungements)

Barry J. Barnette
Seventh Judicial Circuit

Dear Governor Haley:

Jerry W. Peace
Eighth Judicial Circuit

On behalf of the South Carolina Solicitors' Association, I am writing in regard to R284, H3127, which was ratified by the General Assembly on June 12, 2012. The Solicitors' Association has discussed this bill and would respectfully ask that it be vetoed.

Scarlett A. Wilson
Ninth Judicial Circuit

Christina T. Adams
Tenth Judicial Circuit

This bill would allow a person to apply for a pardon and expungement of any crime not designated a "violent offense" in S.C. Code Section 16-1-60. Because the practical effect of this bill would allow for the expungement of records related to convictions of all crimes except for those committed under 46 criminal statutes, the Association is of the opinion that it is overly broad and harmful.

Donald V. Myers
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

E.L. Clements III
Twelfth Judicial Circuit

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact me at (843) 871-2640.

William W. Wilkins III
Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

Isaac McDuffie Stone III
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit

J. Gregory Hembree
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David M. Pascoe, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin S. Brackett
Sixteenth Judicial Circuit

David M. Pascoe, Jr.
President, Solicitors' Association of South Carolina