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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/11/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Judiciary**

1/14/2025 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 888](h:\sj\20250114.docx))

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1/17/2025 Scrivener's error corrected

2/19/2025 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](h:\sj\20250219.docx))

2/25/2025 Senate Amended ([Senate Journal‑page 17](h:\sj\20250225.docx))

2/25/2025 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 17](h:\sj\20250225.docx))

2/25/2025 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 17](h:\sj\20250225.docx))

2/26/2025 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 20](h:\sj\20250226.docx))

3/4/2025 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 12](h:\hj\20250304.docx))

3/4/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 12](h:\hj\20250304.docx))

4/30/2025 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 10](h:\hj\20250430.docx))

5/1/2025 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 88](h:\hj\20250501.docx))

5/1/2025 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 88](h:\hj\20250501.docx))

5/1/2025 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-5 ([House Journal‑page 102](h:\hj\20250501.docx))

5/1/2025 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 104](h:\hj\20250501.docx))

5/5/2025 Scrivener's error corrected

5/2/2025 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments

5/6/2025 Senate House amendment amended ([Senate Journal‑page 97](h:\sj\20250506.docx))

5/6/2025 Senate Roll call Ayes-45 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 97](h:\sj\20250506.docx))

5/6/2025 Senate Returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 97](h:\sj\20250506.docx))

5/7/2025 Scrivener's error corrected

5/8/2025 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 117](h:\hj\20250508.docx))

5/8/2025 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 ([House Journal‑page 118](h:\hj\20250508.docx))

5/20/2025 Ratified R 86

5/22/2025 Vetoed by Governor

5/28/2025 Senate Veto overridden Ayes-44 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 5](h:\sj\20250528.docx))

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(R86, S136)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17‑1‑65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS AND EXPUNGE CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE ENACTMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES MAY NOT SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

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

Dismissal of charges for unlawful possession of a handgun

SECTION 1. Section 17‑1‑65 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 17‑1‑65. (A) A person may apply for an expungement of one conviction for unlawful possession of a handgun as provided in Section 16‑23‑20, if the conviction occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024. An application under this section must be made within five years of the enactment of this section.

(B) The State must dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to Section 16‑23‑20 if the charges occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, notwithstanding the savings clause contained in SECTION 25 of that act. However this section does not mandate an immediate dismissal, if such unlawful possession of a handgun charge was charged in conjunction with any other criminal offense arising out of the same facts and circumstances. Upon the disposition of those associated offenses the unlawful possession of a handgun offense under the prior Section 16-23-20 must be dismissed pursuant to this section and expunged provided a person has not previously had an expungement under subsection (A). Dismissal pursuant to this section may not serve as a basis or support for any civil action due to the arrest.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 20th day of May, 2025.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2025.

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