

**A Bill**  
**Presented by Logan Morris**  
**The Citadel**

**Purpose:** To strike section 16-23-465 which bans the carrying of any firearm or concealed weapon on to the premises of any business selling beer, liquor, or wine for the purpose of on premise consumption.

**Whereas,** South Carolina ranked number 4 in the nation for violent crime rates; and,

**Whereas,** Areas of high population, where the majority of bars and restaurants are located have the highest rates of violent crime; and,

**Whereas,** South Carolina is one of only four states that have laws against carrying firearms into bars and restaurants; and,

**Whereas,** Statistics have shown that violent crime rates are higher in areas in which it is illegal to carry concealed weapons or firearms.

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:

**Section I:** Section 16-23-465 will be stricken from the code of laws of South Carolina.

**Section II:** Section 16-23-20 will remain the same, which states that weapons will be concealed and only carried by citizens carrying a concealed weapons permit.

**Section III:** Right will be revoked if any citizen

- A. Uses their firearm or concealed weapon for any purpose other than self-protection, or protection of a family member.
- B. Is convicted of a violent crime
- C. Or has more than two charges of disturbing the peace or public intoxication.

**Section IV:** The citizen may only use the firearm if he/she feels threatened and as though his or her life is in immediate danger.

- A. The citizen may not use based on suspicion, there must be an immediate physical threat to his or her life.
- B. If the citizen uses the firearm, he/she will not be charged, even if the discharge of the firearm is deadly to the attacker.

**Section V:** Section 23-31-420 of Title 23, Article 6 will be amended to state that the legal limit to operate a firearm will be 0.08.

- A. Any discharge of a firearm by any citizen with a blood alcohol level above the legal limit will not be protected by Section IV, subsection B of this bill, and may be charged with the appropriate crime.

- 47 **Section VI:** So long as the citizen is obeying all guidelines, set out by previous section, the  
48 citizen will not lose his/her concealed weapons permit.  
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- 50 **Section VII:** The business owner will have the discretion to either allow or not allow concealed  
51 weapons in his or her place of business.  
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- 53 **Section VIII:** Those who have a concealed weapons permit will have a special marking on their  
54 driver's license, those without the marking on their license will not have the  
55 option to carry into businesses selling liquor, beer, or wine for the purpose of on  
56 premise consumption.  
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- 58 **Section IX:** This act shall take effect upon passage by the General Assembly and signature of  
59 the Governor.

**An Amendment  
Presented By Dylan Gunnels  
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**Purpose:** To amend sections of the SCSL Constitution containing references to the Fundraising Chair in order to clarify distinction of positions and assist the organization in obtaining as much funding as possible, as quickly as possible.

**Whereas,** *Fundraising Chair* was initially created as a temporary position in order to aid in acquiring State funding, and a current Fundraising Chair is limited in his or her ability to fundraise because SCSL lacks a 501(c)3 status.

**Whereas,** Article IV, Section 1 currently states: “The elected officers of the organization shall be the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate, and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the House. These officers shall be members of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Comptroller General and Fundraising Chair shall be elected officers, but shall not be members of the Executive Committee.”

**Whereas,** Article IV, Section 8 currently states: “A candidate for President *Pro Tempore*, Speaker *Pro Tempore* or *Fundraising Chair* must have been registered members for at least two (2) previous sessions before the session in which he seeks office. The President *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of the Senate during the session in which he seeks office. The Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of the House during the session in which he seeks office.”

**Therefore,** Be it enacted by the South Carolina Student Legislature in regular session assembled the following:

**Section I:** Amend Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution to read:

“The elected officers of the organization shall be the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, the President *Pro Tempore* of the Senate, and the Speaker *Pro Tempore* of the House. These officers shall be members of the Executive Committee. In addition, the Comptroller General and ~~Fundraising Chair~~ shall be *an* elected officers, but shall not be *a* members of the Executive Committee.”

**Section II:** Amend Article IV, Section 8 of the Constitution to read:

“A candidate for President *Pro Tempore* or Speaker *Pro Tempore* ~~or Fundraising Chair~~ must have been registered members for at least two (2) previous sessions before the session in which he seeks office. The President *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of the Senate during the session in which he seeks office. The Speaker *Pro Tempore* shall be a member of the House during the session in which he seeks office.”

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**Section III:** This amendment shall take effect upon passage by two-thirds of the member delegations of the South Carolina Student Legislature.