

**ADOPTED**

1 Senators Fort of the 39th and Reed of the 35th offered the following amendment:

2 *Amend the Senate Judiciary Committee substitute to HB 1421 by striking line 2 of page 1 and*  
 3 *inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

4 so as to change provisions relating to notices and pleadings in criminal proceedings; to  
 5 change provisions relating to demand for trial and announcement of readiness for

6 *By inserting after "references;" on line 6 of page 1 the following:*

7 to provide for enhanced sentences in any case in which the trier of fact determines beyond  
 8 a reasonable doubt that the defendant intentionally selected any victim or any property as the  
 9 object of the offense because of the victim's race, religion, gender, national origin, or sexual  
 10 orientation;

11 *By inserting between lines 11 and 12 of page 4 the following:*

12 **SECTION 5.1.**

13 Said title is further amended by striking the introductory language in subsection (a) of Code  
 14 Section 17-10-17, relating to sentencing of defendants guilty of crimes involving bias or  
 15 prejudice, circumstances, and parole, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 "(a) Subject to the notice requirement provided in Code Section 17-10-18 and in  
 17 enhancement of the penalty imposed, if the trier of fact determines beyond a reasonable  
 18 doubt that the defendant intentionally selected any victim or any property of the victim as  
 19 the object of the offense because of ~~bias or prejudice~~ the victim's race, religion, gender,  
 20 national origin, or sexual orientation, the judge imposing sentence shall:"