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HOUSE BILL NO. 1167

Introduced by: Representatives Haugaard, Bolin, DiSanto, Greenfield (Lana), Marty, Qualm, Rasmussen, Schoenbeck, Steinhauer, Werner, and Wiik and Senators Holien, Jensen (Phil), and Monroe

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the use of a
- 2 suspended imposition of sentence for a misdemeanor and a felony.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 23A-27-13 be amended to read:
- 5 23A-27-13. Upon receiving a verdict or plea of guilty for a misdemeanor or felony not
- 6 punishable by death or life imprisonment by a person never before convicted of a crime which
- 7 at the time of conviction thereof would constitute a felony in this state, a court having
- 8 jurisdiction of the defendant, if satisfied that the ends of justice and the best interest of the
- 9 public as well as the defendant will be served thereby, may, without entering a judgment of
- 10 guilt, and with the consent of the defendant, suspend the imposition of sentence and place the
- defendant on probation for such period and upon such terms and conditions as the court may
- deem best. No person who has previously been granted, whether in this state or any other, a
- 13 suspended imposition of sentence is eligible to be granted a second suspended imposition of
- 14 sentence. A defendant is only eligible for a suspended imposition for one misdemeanor

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- 1 <u>conviction and one felony conviction.</u> A court may revoke such suspension at any time during
- 2 the probationary period and impose and execute sentence without diminishment or credit for any
- 3 of the probationary period.