

Session 117 - (2007-2008)

H 3612 General Bill, By Rutherford and Clyburn

Summary: Healthy South Carolinians 2010 Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-285 SO AS TO ENACT THE "HEALTHY SOUTH CAROLINIANS 2010 ACT" AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL DEVELOP AND PROMOTE HEALTHY SOUTH CAROLINIANS 2010 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, USING THE FEDERAL HEALTHY PEOPLE 2010 AS A MODEL; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE STATUS OF DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AMONG MINORITIES AND NONMINORITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH MINORITY PHYSICIAN NETWORKS TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO EDUCATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CULTURE IN HEALTH STATUS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK WITH HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS TO INCREASE THE PROPORTION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FROM MINORITY BACKGROUNDS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMOTE RESEARCH ON METHODS TO REDUCE DISPARITIES IN HEALTH CARE; AND TO ADD SECTION 44-6-225 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SHALL CONTRACT WITH MINORITY PHYSICIAN NETWORKS TO PROVIDE COST-EFFECTIVE MEDICAID SERVICES; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL WORK TO EXPAND MINORITY PHYSICIAN NETWORKS IN EACH HEALTH DISTRICT.

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