**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO WELL STANDARDS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4571, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Well Standards, designated as Regulation Document Number 4571, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

South Carolina Regulation 61‑71, Well Standards, was last substantively amended on April 26, 2002. The regulation contains the minimum standards for the construction, maintenance, and operation of the following wells: individual residential, irrigation, monitoring (including non‑standard installations), and boreholes to ensure that underground sources of drinking water are not contaminated and public health is protected.

These amendments updated R.61‑71 to be consistent with R.61‑56, Onsite Wastewater Systems*,* and clarified that R.61‑71 applies to injection wells as specified in R.61‑87, Underground Injection Control Regulations. Additionally, stylistic changes were made for clarity and consistency to improve the overall quality of the Regulation.

A Notice of Drafting for these amendments was published in the *State Register* on February 27, 2015.

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