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**A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO FOCUS THE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT’S DAMS AND RESERVOIRS SAFETY PROGRAM ON REGULATING THE STATE’S HIGH AND SIGNIFICANT HAZARD DAMS.**

Whereas, the catastrophic weather events occurring in 2015 and 2016 resulted in great damage to numerous South Carolina dams; and

Whereas, repairs to these dams presented significant financial outlays to their owners; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Environmental Control’s Dams and Reservoirs Safety Program responded by directing resources toward both the repair and future maintenance of high and significant hazard dams; and

Whereas, the department has limited financial and personnel resources and should focus these limited resources on high and significant hazard dams. Now, therefore,

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

**DHEC dams and reservoirs safety program**

SECTION 1. The General Assembly hereby directs the Department of Health and Environmental Control to focus the resources of the department’s Dams and Reservoirs Safety Program on regulating the state’s high and significant hazard dams only and reclassifying dams when the failure or improper operation of a dam will likely result in loss of human life.

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 17th day of May, 2018.

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