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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL MAY NOT EXPEND FUNDS ON ANY MANDATORY ENFORCEMENT, COERCION, REQUIREMENT, OR GUIDANCE OF FACE MASKS, COVID‑19 TESTING, OR COVID‑19 VACCINES.

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) may not expend any funds on any mandatory enforcement, coercion, requirement, or guidance of face masks, COVID‑19 testing, or COVID‑19 vaccines. DHEC may not expend any funds to require a citizen to wear a face mask, receive a COVID‑19 test, or receive a COVID‑19 vaccine or booster shot without the citizen’s voluntary consent. If DHEC violates the provisions of this SECTION, the State Treasurer shall withhold all funding until the violation is remedied.

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

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