**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑236 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE EXCLUSION OF PREEXISTING CONDITIONS IN DENTAL POLICIES ISSUED IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑236. A dental plan issued in this State may not deny a benefit for covered dental services to treat conditions existing prior to the date the coverage begins.”

SECTION 2. This act applies to contracts entered into, amended, extended, or renewed after June 30, 2022.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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