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S 0019 General Bill, By Elliott

Summary: Charitable Health Care Services Act

A BILL TO ENACT THE "CHARITABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 123 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT CHARITABLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE THOSE PROVIDERS THAT RENDER CARE WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR CHARGE, TO PROVIDE THAT SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS ARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARRANGE FOR VOLUNTARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE STATE, TO REQUIRE SUCH HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS TO REGISTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH PROVIDERS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING, AND OVERSEEING THE PROVISION OF CHARITABLE HEALTH CARE SERVICES; TO ADD ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 79, TITLE 38 SO AS TO REQUIRE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURERS TO MAKE SUCH INSURANCE AVAILABLE TO ELIGIBLE, AND NOT OTHERWISE COVERED, CHARITABLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO RENDER SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS ACT AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO PAY THE PREMIUMS FOR SUCH COVERAGE; AND TO ADD SECTION 40-15-179 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT TEMPORARY SEVEN DAY LICENSES MAY BE GRANTED TO DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS WHO PROVIDE CARE WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR CHARGE, TO ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA FOR AND THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE UNDER SUCH A LICENSE, TO ALSO REQUIRE THAT MEDICAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE BE AVAILABLE FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS, AND TO EXEMPT DENTISTS PROVIDING CHARITABLE CARE FROM THE LIMITATIONS OF A SPECIALTY LICENSE.

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