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H 5141 General Bill, By McLeod and J. Brown

Summary: Hospitals and health services

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-130, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITIONS OF "HEALTH CARE FACILITY" AND "HOSPITAL" AND TO DEFINE "BIRTHING CENTER"; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF HEALTH FACILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-260, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE OF HEALTH FACILITIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 44-7-270 AND 44-7-280, BOTH RELATING TO HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO VARY LICENSURE PERIODS AND TO CHARGE AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO COVER THE COST OF FACILITY INSPECTIONS; TO ADD SECTION 44-7-295, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND COPY RECORDS OF HEALTH FACILITIES TO ASCERTAIN STATUTORY COMPLIANCE; TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-315, RELATING TO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT WHEN CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS OF HEALTH FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH INSPECTIONS INCLUDE INSPECTIONS OF ACTIVITIES LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS, AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO GROUP HOMES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44-7-320, RELATING TO SANCTIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY IMPOSE FOR VIOLATIONS OF HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE AND REGULATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT TO BOTH SANCTION A LICENSEE AND TO IMPOSE A MONETARY PENALTY.

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