**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑1‑147 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR THE CREATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A STROKE CARE SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑1‑147. The Department of Health and Environmental Control has the authority to promulgate regulations for the creation and establishment of a stroke care system to coordinate and promote public access to the full range of activities and services associated with stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. In promulgating these regulations, the department shall take into consideration the recommendations of the Stroke Systems of Care Study Committee established by Act 121 of 2009. Implementation of this section is contingent upon the department receiving adequate funding to carry out the responsibilities of this section and the resulting regulations.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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