**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑15‑110, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CHAPTER 15 OF TITLE 40 REGULATING DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS AND PERSONS EXEMPT FROM SUCH LICENSURE, INCLUDING RESIDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO TREAT CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED DURING THEIR RESIDENCY PROGRAM, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING DRUGS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑15‑360, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF PHARMACISTS TO FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DENTISTS, SO AS TO EXTEND THIS AUTHORIZATION TO RESIDENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40‑15‑110(C) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 45 of 2003, is further amended to read:

“(C) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require licensure for interns or residents enrolled in an intern or residency training program approved by the commission. To the extent required by the training program and under the supervision of licensed physicians or dentists, residents are authorized to treat conditions encountered during the scope of their residency training program. Treatment may include prescribing appropriate drugs and devices, as provided by law.”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑15‑360 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑15‑360. Licensed pharmacists of this State may fill prescriptions ~~of~~ written by:

(1) licensed dentists in this State for any drug to be used in dental practice; and

(2) licensed residents in this State for patients treated in the course of the residency training program for any lawful drug or device, while under the supervision of a licensed physician or dentist.”

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

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