**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 24‑7‑125 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CHARGE A PERSON CONFINED IN A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY A FEE FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED TO HIM WHILE HE IS CONFINED IN THE FACILITY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 7, Title 24 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 24‑7‑125. Notwithstanding another provision of law, a municipality or county may charge a person confined in a regional, county, or municipal correctional facility a reasonable fee for health care services, medications, and equipment provided to the person while confined in the facility if the county or municipality:

(1) provides necessary medical care regardless of a person’s ability to pay;

(2) provides equal treatment to all persons confined in the facility regardless of a person’s ability to pay;

(3) establishes a system that notifies the person of the fees charged and services provided; and

(4) establishes a grievance procedure that allows a person to challenge a fee imposed upon him.”

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

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