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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO LICENSING OF ONSITE WASTEWATER SYSTEM MASTER CONTRACTORS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 3210, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Licensing of Onsite Wastewater System Master Contractors, designated as Regulation Document Number 3210, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is creating a new regulation, entitled R.61‑56.2, Licensing of Onsite Wastewater System Master Contractors. South Carolina Act No. 106, passed by the S.C. General Assembly in 2007, and codified at Section 44‑55‑827 of the S.C. Code of Laws, 1976, authorizes and requires the Department to promulgate a regulation that creates a tiered licensing program for onsite wastewater system contractors. The Act requires that this regulation include eligibility criteria, monitoring, standards for education and training, bonding and insurance requirements, administrative and licensing fees, and enforcement guidelines and penalties. This regulation contains all elements specified and required by the Act.

Staff initiated the statutory process for the promulgation of R.61‑56.2 by publication of a Notice of Drafting in the State Register on January 25, 2008. Notice was also published on the Department’s website in its Regulation Development Update at www.scdhec.net/co/regs. Notice of Proposed Regulation was published in the State Register on March 28, 2008, and a Staff Informational Forum was conducted on April 25, 2008. Comments received were considered in formulating the proposed regulation.

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