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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 39‑1‑110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN URGENT CARE FACILITY MAY NOT REFUSE TO TREAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS AN OUTSTANDING DEBT WITH THE FACILITY WHO PRESENTS WITH A MEDICAL CONDITION THAT MAY, WITHOUT IMMEDIATE TREATMENT, RESULT IN HARM TO OR ENDANGER THE LIFE OF THE INDIVIDUAL IF THE CONDITION AND TREATMENT OF THE CONDITION ARE WITHIN THE FACILITY’S SCOPE OF TREATMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 39 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 39‑1‑110. (A) An urgent care facility may not refuse to treat an individual who has an outstanding debt with the facility who presents with a medical condition that may, without immediate treatment, result in harm to or endanger the life of the individual if the condition and treatment of the condition are within the facility’s scope of treatment.

(B) For purposes of this section, ‘urgent care facility’ means the delivery of ambulatory care in a facility dedicated to the delivery of medical care outside of a hospital emergency department, usually on an unscheduled, walk‑in basis.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

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