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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP AND PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP ENHANCEMENT, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4149, 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 Commission on Higher Education, relating to Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement, designated as Regulation Document Number 4149, 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 South Carolina Commission on Higher Education proposes the following revisions to Chapter 62 regulation, R.62‑300 through 62‑375, Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement. The proposed regulation will provides the eligibility criteria that students must meet in order to be awarded a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement. In addition, the proposed regulation also provides the procedures that institutions must follow when determining students’ eligibility and when disbursing Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement funds to eligible students. Clarification of the policies and procedures for administering the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program at the public and independent colleges and universities in the state is made. The proposed regulation includes the addition of the Pharmacy programs at Presbyterian College to the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Program. In addition, the proposed regulation also provides the procedures that institutions must follow when determining students’ eligibility and when disbursing Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Enhancement funds to eligible students in accordance with the SC Illegal Immigration Reform Act. This regulation is being promulgated to implement this legislative mandate by including the appropriate language in the awarding procedures.

A Notice of Drafting was published in the *State Register* on May 28, 2010.

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