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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO MEDIATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4286, 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 Workers' Compensation Commission, relating to Mediation, designated as Regulation Document Number 4286, 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 Workers’ Compensation Commission proposes to amend Chapter 67 of the Regulations of South Carolina Workers’ Compensation Commission by adding Article 18 for the purposes of establishing a defined mechanism to resolve disputes pursuant to Title 42 of the SC Code of Laws without the necessity of a hearing. The Notice of Drafting regarding this regulation was published on February 24, 2012 in the *State Register*. The language of the proposed regulations, notice of comment period and notice of public hearing was published in the *State Register* on April 27, 2012. The Commission held a public hearing regarding the new proposed regulations on May 29, 2012. On May 29, 2012, the Commission held a special business meeting and voted to approve the new mediation regulation.

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