**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-35, TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY FAMILIES MAY ENROLL IN A MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER PROGRAM IN THIS STATE IF SOUTH CAROLINA IS THEIR STATE OF LEGAL RESIDENCE, AND TO ALLOW THEM TO MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IF THE FAMILY IS STATIONED OUTSIDE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 6, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44-6-35. In administering the Community Long-Term Care home and community based waiver program, members of the armed services may enroll an eligible family member in this State if the member of the armed services designates South Carolina as their state of legal residence. A person enrolled pursuant to this section may maintain his enrollment regardless of where the service member is stationed.”

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

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