**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO TRANSFER AND EXPEND FUNDS AMONG APPROPRIATED REVENUES TO OPERATE AND ADMINISTER THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2013‑2014 annual general appropriations act, the Department of Health and Environmental Control must transfer and expend funds among appropriated revenues to operate and administer the Certificate of Need program pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44. In transferring funds, the department may not:

(1) discontinue, delete, or defer any activity, program, item, special appropriation, or allocation for which the General Assembly provided funding in the 2013‑2014 annual general appropriations act;

(2) transfer more than twenty percent of the program budget; or

(3) implement an employee reduction in force plan due to the transfer of funds.

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

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