**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN AND MISCELLANEOUS HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, BY ADDING 40‑47‑37 TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIANS MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 47, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑47‑37. A person may not practice medicine in this State unless he has been authorized to do so pursuant to the provisions of the article and the person is a member in good standing of the South Carolina Medical Association.”

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

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