**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING NURSING HOMES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4543, 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 Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Standards for Licensing Nursing Homes, designated as Regulation Document Number 4543, 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.

In the interest of supporting the Department’s goal of protecting the health of the public, these amendments of R.61‑17, *Standards for Licensing Nursing Homes*, establish more specific accident and incident reporting procedures, make technical corrections and correct typographical errors, bring meal service and dietary service requirements into compliance with R.61‑25, *Retail Food Establishments*, and update design, construction, and fire protection/prevention standards in compliance with provisions of the codes officially adopted by the South Carolina Building Codes Council and South Carolina Fire Marshal.

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