**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1‑11‑795 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE EMPLOYEE INSURANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES RESULTING FROM INTENTIONALLY SELF‑INFLICTED INJURIES OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

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

SECTION 1. Article 5, Chapter 11, Title 1 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 1‑11‑795. The State Employee Insurance Program must provide benefits for medical expenses resulting from intentionally self‑inflicted injuries or attempted suicide.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first must be implemented in the 2017 State Employee Insurance Program.

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