**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑37‑50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY HOSPITALS TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF NEWBORN BABIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING HOW TO PERFORM INFANT CPR, SO AS TO REQUIRE A HOSPITAL TO OFFER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS A VIDEO PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION ABOUT LOCATIONS AT WHICH INFANT CPR TRAINING IS TAUGHT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑37‑50(A) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 55 of 2007, is amended to read:

“(A)(1) Every hospital in this State ~~must~~ shall make available to the parents of each newborn baby delivered in the hospital a video presentation on the dangers associated with shaking infants and young children. ~~Every hospital also must make available information on the importance of parents and caregivers learning infant CPR.~~ The hospital ~~must~~ shall request that the maternity patient, the father, or the primary caregiver view the video. Those persons whom the hospital requested to view the video shall sign a document prescribed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control stating that they have been offered an opportunity to view the video.

(2) Every hospital in this State shall make available to the parents and caregivers of each newborn baby delivered in the hospital a video presentation on the importance of parents and caregivers learning how to perform infant CPR. The hospital also shall provide parents and caregivers information regarding locations at which infant CPR training is taught in the community. Those persons whom the hospital requested to view the video shall sign a document prescribed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control stating that they have been offered the opportunity to view the video and that they have received the information regarding locations at which infant CPR training is taught in the community.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect thirty days after approval by the Governor.

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