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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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3/1/2018 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20180301.docx))

3/2/2018 Scrivener's error corrected

3/13/2018 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20180313.docx))

3/13/2018 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 22](file:///h:\sj\20180313.docx))

3/14/2018 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 13](file:///h:\sj\20180314.docx))

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3/20/2018 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 104](file:///h:\hj\20180320.docx))

4/25/2018 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 85](file:///h:\hj\20180425.docx))

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5/3/2018 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5‑8‑18 ([House Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\hj\20180503.docx))

5/8/2018 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20180508.docx))

5/8/2018 House Roll call Yeas‑97 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj\20180508.docx))

5/9/2018 House Read third time and enrolled

5/14/2018 Ratified R 204

5/15/2018 Signed By Governor

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(A187, R204, S506)

**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 40‑43‑170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE A ONE‑TIME REFILL OF A PRESCRIBED MEDICATION DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO INCREASE THE QUANTITY OF SUCH A REFILL FROM A FIFTEEN‑DAY SUPPLY TO A THIRTY‑DAY SUPPLY.**

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

**Emergency refills, quantity increased**

SECTION 1. Section 40‑43‑170(A)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(A) When the Governor issues a ‘State of Emergency’:

(1) A pharmacist may work in the affected county and may dispense a one‑time emergency refill of up to a thirty‑day supply of a prescribed medication if:

(a) the pharmacist has all prescription information necessary in order to accurately refill the prescription;

(b) in the pharmacist’s professional opinion the medication is essential to the maintenance of life or to the continuation of therapy;

(c) the pharmacist reduces the information to a written prescription marked ‘Emergency Refill’, files the prescription as required by law, and notifies the prescribing physician within fifteen days of the emergency refill; and

(d) the prescription is not for a controlled substance.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 14th day of May, 2018.

Approved the 15th day of May, 2018.

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