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Governor's Action: May 19, 2017, Signed

Summary: Medical expense policy

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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12/13/2016 Senate Prefiled

12/13/2016 Senate Referred to Committee on **Banking and Insurance**

1/10/2017 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h:\sj\20170110.docx))

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3/9/2017 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Banking and Insurance** ([Senate Journal‑page 14](file:///h:\sj\20170309.docx))

3/23/2017 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20170323.docx))

3/23/2017 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20170323.docx))

3/23/2017 Senate Roll call Ayes‑37 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20170323.docx))

3/29/2017 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 25](file:///h:\sj\20170329.docx))

3/30/2017 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj\20170330.docx))

3/30/2017 House Referred to Committee on **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 7](file:///h:\hj\20170330.docx))

5/2/2017 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Labor, Commerce and Industry** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj\20170502.docx))

5/4/2017 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\hj\20170504.docx))

5/4/2017 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 35](file:///h:\hj\20170504.docx))

5/4/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑94 Nays‑2 ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20170504.docx))

5/4/2017 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj\20170504.docx))

5/5/2017 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 4](file:///h:\hj\20170505.docx))

5/11/2017 Senate House amendment amended ([Senate Journal‑page 145](file:///h:\sj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 Senate Roll call Ayes‑31 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 145](file:///h:\sj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 Senate Returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 145](file:///h:\sj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\hj\20170511.docx))

5/11/2017 House Roll call Yeas‑92 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\hj\20170511.docx))

5/15/2017 Ratified R 63

5/19/2017 Signed By Governor

5/25/2017 Effective date 5/19/17

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(A42, R63, S9)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑380 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPTIONAL INTOXICANTS AND NARCOTICS EXCLUSION PROVISION CONTAINED IN CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES THAT REQUIRE THE REPLICATION OF EXACT LANGUAGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 38‑71‑370 DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY, AND TO DEFINE MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY.**

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

**Medical expense policy, optional intoxicants and narcotics exclusion inapplicable**

SECTION 1. Subarticle 1, Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑380. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘medical expense policy’ means an accident and sickness insurance policy that provides hospital, medical, and surgical expense coverage.

(B) The provisions of Section 38‑71‑370(9) may not be used with respect to a medical expense policy.

(C) This section applies to policies issued or renewed after December 31, 2017.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2017.

Approved the 19th day of May, 2017.

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