**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO SOUTH CAROLINA STROKE CARE SYSTEM, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4760, 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 South Carolina Stroke Care System, designated as Regulation Document Number 4760, 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.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) has promulgated this new regulation to execute the requirements of the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011, S.C. Code Sections 44‑61‑610 et seq. (Supp. 2016). The regulation establishes a process of application and recognition of acute care hospitals wishing to be recognized as stroke centers within South Carolina. The regulation establishes a statewide stroke registry for the collection and analysis of stroke care by acute care hospitals within the state. Additionally, the regulation adopts a nationally recognized, standardized stroke‑triage assessment tool, posted on the Department’s website and distributed to all Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) agencies licensed by the Department.

The Department had a Notice of Drafting published in the *State Register* on April 28, 2017.

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