**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑130, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE STATE CERTIFICATION OF NEED AND HEALTH FACILITIES LICENSURE ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE “CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FACILITY”; TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS TO CERTAIN PROJECTS, SO AS TO MAKE THE PROCESS INAPPLICABLE TO CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FACILITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑260, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE FOR HEALTH FACILITIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT FACILITIES TO OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑7‑130 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 173 of 2014, is further amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) “Crisis stabilization unit facility” means a facility operated or authorized by the Department of Mental Health providing a short‑term residential program offering psychiatric stabilization services, detoxification services, and brief, intensive crisis services twenty‑four hours a day, seven days a week.”

SECTION 2. Section 44‑7‑170(B)(7) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“(7) health care facilities owned and operated by the federal government; and

(8) crisis stabilization unit facilities.”

SECTION 3. Section 44‑7‑260(A)(5) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2010, is further amended to read:

“(5) ~~Reserved~~ crisis stabilization unit facilities;”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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