**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑53‑360, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO DEVELOP A COUNTERFEIT‑RESISTANT PRESCRIPTION BLANK, WHICH MUST BE USED BY PRACTITIONERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑53‑360 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 71 of 2007, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Within sixty days of the effective date of this act, the department shall develop the form and content for a counterfeit‑resistant prescription blank, which must be used by practitioners for the purpose of prescribing a controlled substance listed in Schedule II, Schedule III, Schedule IV, or Schedule V pursuant to this section. The department may require the prescription blanks to be printed on distinctive, watermarked paper and to bear the preprinted name, address, and category of professional licensure of the practitioner and that practitioner’s federal registry number for controlled substances. The prescription blanks may not be transferred.”

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

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