**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, TO ENACT THE “PHARMACIST SAFETY ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 40‑43‑120 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MANDATORY THIRTY‑MINUTE REST BREAKS FOR PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACY TECHNICIANS WORKING TWELVE‑HOUR SHIFTS.

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

SECTION 1. This act must be known and may be cited as the “Pharmacist Safety Act”.

SECTION 2. Chapter 43, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 40‑43‑120. (A) A pharmacy shall provide a thirty‑minute rest break to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are working a twelve‑hour shift in the pharmacy, which the pharmacist or pharmacy technician shall take during the shift at a time determined by the pharmacist or pharmacy technician, respectively. During a rest break, the pharmacist or pharmacy technician may not engage in the preparing, compounding, or dispensing of medicine. A rest break may not be taken at the beginning or end of a twelve‑hour shift.

(B) The provisions of this section apply notwithstanding another provision of law.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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