COMMITTEE REPORT

May 3, 2018

**H. 5159**

Introduced by Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee

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**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Joint Resolution (H. 5159) to approve regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to standards for licensing hospices, designated as Regulation Document Number 4800, pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPICES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4800, 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 Standards for Licensing Hospices, designated as Regulation Document Number 4800, 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”) amends R.61‑78, Standards for Licensing Hospices. The amendments incorporate 2017 Act No. 61, which comprises changes to the Hospice Licensure Act, S.C. Code Sections 44‑71‑10 et seq. These regulatory amendments include requirements to register multiple locations and updated requirements for medication disposal to comply with the new statutory changes. The statutory changes also expand Joint Annual Report requirements to outpatient hospices; however, existing wording of R.61‑78 adequately executes those requirements.

The Department had a Notice of Drafting published in the *State Register* on June 23, 2017.

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