**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑380 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE OPTIONAL INTOXICANTS AND NARCOTICS EXCLUSION PROVISION CONTAINED IN CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES THAT REQUIRE THE REPLICATION OF EXACT LANGUAGE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 38‑71‑370 DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY, AND TO DEFINE MEDICAL EXPENSE POLICY.

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

SECTION 1. Subarticle 1, Article 3, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑380. (A) For purposes of this section, ‘medical expense policy’ means an accident and sickness insurance policy that provides hospital, medical, and surgical expense coverage.

(B) The provisions of Section 38‑71‑370(9) may not be used with respect to a medical expense policy.”

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

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