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AMENDED

March 3, 2020

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Introduced by Reps. King, Henegan, McDaniel, S. Williams and Cobb-Hunter

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Read the first time January 14, 2020.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑63‑74, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE MANDATORY ELECTRONIC FILING OF DEATH CERTIFICATES WITH THE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO ELIMINATE EXEMPTIONS FOR PHYSICIANS WHO CERTIFY FEWER THAN TWELVE DEATHS ANNUALLY.

Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑63‑74(A)(4) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(4) Death certificates must be transmitted electronically between the funeral home, or funeral home director, and the physician, coroner, or medical examiner certifying the cause of death in order to document the death certificate information prescribed by this chapter. Required signatures on death certificates must be provided by electronic signature. An individual who acts, without compensation, as a funeral director on behalf of a deceased family member or friend, ~~physicians certifying fewer than twelve deaths per year, and funeral homes that perform fewer than twelve funerals per year are~~ is exempt from the requirement to file electronically but must comply with the requirements of items (2) or (3), as applicable.”

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

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