**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑7‑266 SO AS TO REQUIRE NURSING HOMES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑7‑266. (A) Every nursing home and community residential care facility must be equipped with an emergency generator to deliver emergency electrical service during interruption of the normal electrical service to the distribution system, which meets requirements of the department.

(B) Every nursing home and community residential care facility shall provide certification that construction and installation of the emergency generator service comply with provisions of the codes officially adopted by the South Carolina Building Codes Council and the South Carolina State Fire Marshal.

(C) A violation of a requirement of this section may be grounds for the department to deny, suspend, or revoke a license, or assess a monetary penalty, or both, pursuant to Section 44‑7‑320.”

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

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