**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 ACQUIRE AND KEEP IN EFFECT COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE.

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. Beginning, January 1, 2020, every nursing home and community residential care facility operating in this State shall acquire and keep in effect comprehensive general liability insurance coverage in an amount of at least one million dollars to respond to claims and occurrences. A violation of this section is grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a facility’s license in accordance with Section 44‑7‑320.”

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

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

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