**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑45 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES, AND INSURANCE CONTRACTS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021, TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTOR DEVICES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑710, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY’S DUTY TO MAKE CERTAIN INSURANCE PLANS AVAILABLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GROUP HEALTH PLAN TO COVER EPINEPHRINE AUTO‑INJECTOR DEVICES.

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

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

“Section 38‑71‑45. (A) Beginning January 1, 2021, every health maintenance organization, individual and group health insurance policy, or insurance contract issued or renewed in this State must provide coverage for an epinephrine injector.

(B) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘epinephrine injector’ includes an auto‑injector approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine or a prefilled syringe approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine containing a premeasured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent to the dosage used in an auto‑injector.”

SECTION 2. Section 1‑11‑710 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection to read:

“( )(1) Beginning January 1, 2021, the plan approved by the board must provide coverage for an epinephrine injector.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the term ‘epinephrine injector’ includes an auto‑injector approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine or a prefilled syringe approved by the Federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine containing a premeasured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent to the dosage used in an auto‑injector.”

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

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