**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑260, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO HOSPITAL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN EXTERIOR VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES AT THE PATIENT DROP‑OFF LOCATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑7‑260 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Every hospital emergency department in the State, including every free‑standing emergency service, must install and maintain at least two exterior video recording devices at the patient drop‑off location to record a clear image of the driver and any passengers of every motor vehicle dropping off a patient for emergency care, as well as a clear image of the license plate of the motor vehicle, which shows the date and time the recording was made. The hospital must retain the video recordings for at least thirty days and may release any recording to law enforcement for purposes of the investigation of a crime. The hospital is responsible for purchasing, maintaining, and supplying all necessary video recording equipment for use by the emergency department pursuant to this section and for monitoring to ensure the proper maintenance of video recording equipment.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect six months after approval by the Governor.

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