**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑43‑86, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING IN PART TO DRUGS DISPENSED FOR USE BY INPATIENTS OF A HOSPITAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITAL PHARMACIES TO RELABEL CERTAIN UNUSED PRESCRIBED DRUGS ADMINISTERED THROUGH AN INHALER OR SIMILAR DEVICE OR EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE PATIENT AFTER DISCHARGE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40-43-86(I) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) Any drugs dispensed for use by an inpatient of a hospital or other health care facility that are administered through an inhaler, atomizer, pen, pump, or other device, equipment, or container pursuant to a prescription issued prior to admission to the facility that have not been used at the time of discharge shall be relabeled in accordance with item (4) for use by the patient after discharge. At the time of discharge from the facility and after proper relabeling, the patient may take any such unused drugs for outpatient use. For purposes of this item, ‘drug’ means the prescribed drug and the medical device, equipment, or container through which the drug is administered if the device, equipment, or container is disposable and may not be reused by the facility for other patients.”

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

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