**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND CHAPTER 130, TITLE 44 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT, TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS MAY DISTRIBUTE OPIOID ANTIDOTES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL OR CIVIL LIABILITY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 130, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44-130-75. (A) A hospital may distribute an opioid antidote to:

(1) a person at risk of experiencing an opiate‑related overdose; or

(2) a caregiver of a person at risk of experiencing an opiate‑related overdose.

(B) A hospital that distributes an opioid antidote in accordance with the provisions of this section is not, as a result of an act or omission, subject to civil or criminal liability.”

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

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