**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO BOARD REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS, BY ADDING SECTION 40-1-75, TO PROVIDE THAT TEMPORARY LICENSES ISSUED DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXPIRE THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY OR, IF THE GOVERNOR ISSUES A SERIES OF STATES OF EMERGENCY, THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE LAST STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR THE EXPIRATION OF A TEMPORARY LICENSE FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY DAYS IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WARRANT AN EXTENSION.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 40 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40-1-75. (A) A board or commission that regulates the licensure of a profession or occupation pursuant to this title that issues a temporary professional license in response to the exigencies associated with an event resulting in the Governor declaring a state of emergency expires thirty days after the expiration of the Governor’s declaration.

(B) If the Governor issues a series of declarations of a state of emergency in response to the event, then the temporary license shall expire thirty days after the final declaration expires.

(C) The Governor may, by executive order, extend a temporary license by an additional thirty days if he determines that the circumstances warrant an extension.”

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

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