**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑29‑55 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CIVIL LIABILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR AN ENTITY THAT REQUIRES PERSONS SEEKING ADMISSION ON THEIR PREMISES TO BE VACCINATED FOR COVID‑19.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑29‑55. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any public, nonprofit, or private entity that requires students, employees, members, or anyone else seeking admission on the entity’s premises to be vaccinated for COVID‑19, and whose mandatory COVID‑19 vaccine policy or practice proximately causes a person to suffer adverse health consequences, loss of income, or other consequential damages, may be held civilly liable for the damages suffered. Nothing in this section prohibits the award also of punitive damages to an injured person.”

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

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