**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑170, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO INSTITUTIONS TO WHICH THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM DOES NOT APPLY, SO AS TO ADD OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑7‑170(B) of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( ) opioid treatment programs. For purposes of this item, an ‘opioid treatment program’ means a narcotic treatment program or a facility for chemically dependent or addicted persons, as defined in Section 44-7-130, that provides outpatient services using methadone or other opioid treatment medication and offers a range of treatment procedures and services for the rehabilitation of persons dependent on opium, morphine, heroin, or any other derivative or synthetic controlled substance of that group.”

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

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