**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑29‑56 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL LIABILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES FOR INQUIRING ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON’S COVID‑19 VACCINATION STATUS.

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 44‑29‑56. Notwithstanding another provision of law to the contrary, any employee, officer, agent, or other representative of a public, nonprofit, or private entity who inquires about the COVID‑19 vaccination status of any student, employee, member, or anyone else seeking admission on the entity’s premises is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than fourteen thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

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

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