**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑43‑925 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HOSPITALS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST POTENTIAL ORGAN TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS BASED ON A PERSON’S COVID‑19 VACCINATION STATUS.

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

SECTION 1. Article 11, Chapter 43, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑43‑925. (A) A hospital is prohibited from establishing or implementing any policy that makes a person ineligible to be an organ transplant recipient, or has the effect of removing a person from an organ transplant list, based upon the person’s COVID‑19 vaccination status.

(B) An insurance company is prohibited from establishing or implementing any policy that denies coverage for an organ transplant recipient based upon the person’s COVID‑19 vaccination status.”

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

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