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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/22/2023 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** (Senate Journal‑page 4)

 2/1/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical Affairs** (Senate Journal‑page 8)

 2/2/2024 Scrivener's error corrected

 2/7/2024 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal‑page 20)

 2/7/2024 Senate Read second time (Senate Journal‑page 20)

 2/7/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal‑page 20)

 2/13/2024 Senate Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal‑page 9)

 2/14/2024 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 13)

 2/14/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 13)

 4/25/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 23)

 5/2/2024 House Debate adjourned until Tues., 5-7-24 (House Journal‑page 33)

 5/7/2024 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). MM Smith, Davis, Hiott, Carter, B Newton, McCravy, Sessions, BL Cox, West, Hewitt, Jefferson, Erickson (House Journal‑page 111)

 5/8/2024 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 246)

 5/8/2024 House Roll call Yeas-107 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 246)

 5/9/2024 House Read third time and enrolled (House Journal‑page 87)

 5/15/2024 Ratified R 186

 5/20/2024 Signed By Governor

 5/29/2024 Effective date 05/20/24

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(A162, R186, S558)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44‑31‑40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.

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

Tuberculosis testing, congregate care facilities

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 44‑31‑40. (A) A nursing home or community residential care facility as defined in Section 44‑7‑130 shall:

 (1) prior to the admission of a new resident, request and receive a written declaration from an authorized health care provider that, based upon medical examination of the applicant resident, the applicant resident has no signs or symptoms of active tuberculosis;

 (2) within three days of a resident’s admission to the nursing home or community residential care facility from a hospital, as defined in Section 44‑7‑130, administer the first step of the two‑step tuberculin skin test to the resident; and

 (3) within fourteen days of that resident’s admission, administer the second step of the tuberculin skin test to the resident.

 (B)(1) The nursing home or community residential care facility may substitute a single blood assay for mycobacterium tuberculosis for a two‑step tuberculin skin test; or

 (2) administer a single tuberculin skin test or single blood assay for mycobacterium tuberculosis within fourteen days of the resident’s admission from a hospital if the nursing home or community residential care facility has documentation that within the twelve‑month period prior to admission, the resident obtained a negative tuberculin skin test or a negative single blood assay for mycobacterium tuberculosis.

Time effective

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

Ratified the 15th day of May, 2024.

Approved the 20th day of May, 2024.

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