**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 38‑71‑1330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH INSURANCE AVAILABILITY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF AN “ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE”.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38‑71‑1330(6) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 180 of 2008, is further amended to read:

“(6) ‘Eligible employee’ means an employee:

(a) as defined in Section 38‑71‑710(1) or Section 38‑71‑840(7) who works on a full‑time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more hours; or

(b) who is a licensed real estate person engaged in the sale, leasing, or rental of real estate for a licensed real estate broker on a straight commission basis, who has signed a valid independent contractor agreement with the broker~~; and~~ who works on a full‑time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more hours.

~~(c)~~ ~~who works on a full‑time basis and has a normal workweek of thirty or more hours.~~”

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

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