**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO DISAPPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF NEED FOR HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4538, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services, designated as Regulation Document Number 4538, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are disapproved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

Amendments of R.61‑15 support the Department’s goal of administering the Certificate of Need Program in a more efficient and cost‑effective manner. These amendments will conform the Regulation to the relevant statutory authority, delete procedures and practices made obsolete by the release of a web‑based Certificate of Need Application, simplify certain procedural requirements, make technical corrections and correct typographical errors. See the Section‑by‑Section Discussion of the Amendments below and the Statements of Need and Reasonableness and Rationale herein.

A Notice of Drafting for these amendments was published in the *State Register* on September 26, 2014.

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