COMMITTEE REPORT

April 25, 2017

**H. 3885**

Introduced by Reps. Bannister, Bedingfield, G.R. Smith, Loftis and Hamilton

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Read the first time March 29, 2017.

**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 3885) to amend Section 44‑7‑3420, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the definition of terms used in the Lewis Blackman Hospital Patient Safety Act, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 in its entirety and inserting:

/ SECTION 2. Article 27, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑7‑3435. All health care practitioners providing health care in a health care facility shall wear badges or other identification clearly stating their names, using at a minimum either first or last names with appropriate initials, their job or trainee titles, and level of training. This information must be clearly visible and must be stated in terms reasonably understandable to the average person. DHEC only shall administer and enforce the provisions of Section 44-7-3460 for health care facilities licensed by DHEC pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. Failure to comply with this section does not constitute grounds for disciplinary action by a heath care practitioner’s licensing board.” /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑3420, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS USED IN THE LEWIS BLACKMAN HOSPITAL PATIENT SAFETY ACT, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS FOR “HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER” AND “HEALTH CARE FACILITY”; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44‑7‑3435 SO AS TO REQUIRE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS TO WEAR IDENTIFICATION BADGES DISPLAYING CERTAIN INFORMATION.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44‑7‑3420 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 146 of 2005, is amended by adding appropriately numbered items at the end to read:

“( ) ‘Health care practitioner’ means a person who provides health care in South Carolina and is regulated by Title 40.

( ) ‘Health care facility’ means a setting in South Carolina, other than a hospital, where health care services are rendered.”

SECTION 2. Article 27, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑7‑3435. All health care practitioners providing health care in a health care facility shall wear badges clearly stating their names, using at a minimum either first or last names with appropriate initials, their job or trainee titles, and level of training. This information must be clearly visible and must be stated in terms reasonably understandable to the average person. DHEC shall only administer and enforce the provisions of Section 44-7-3460 for health care facilities in Article 3 of this chapter.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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