**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑7‑396 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO DOCUMENT AND MAINTAIN A RECORD OF INCIDENTS OF WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND TO REPORT SUCH INCIDENTS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.

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

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑7‑396. (A) In addition to any record keeping or reporting required by the department pursuant to regulation or by any other law, a hospital shall document and retain a record of any incident of workplace violence and immediately shall report the incident to local law enforcement and shall notify the department. An incident of workplace violence resulting in death or serious injury must be reported, in writing, to the department within ten days of occurrence.

(B) The record retained and report submitted to the department pursuant to this section must contain at a minimum:

(1) facility name;

(2) date of incident;

(3) location of incident;

(4) witness names;

(5) victim names and whether a patient, staff, or visitor;

(6) perpetrator names, if known, and whether a patient, staff, or visitor;

(7) extent and type of any injuries and how treated;

(8) law enforcement agency notified of the incident; and

(9) any other information required by the department pursuant to regulation.”

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

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