**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44-36-320 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF THE ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS RESOURCE COORDINATION CENTER, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL DUTY TO FACILITATE AND COORDINATE EARLY DETECTION EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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

SECTION 1. Section 44-36-320 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding an appropriately numbered new item to read:

“( ) facilitate the coordination and integration of educational initiatives for health care providers on the importance and value of early detection and timely diagnosis of cognitive impairment, validated cognitive assessment tools, and increasing understanding and awareness of early warning signs of Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia and how to reduce the risk of cognitive decline.”

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

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