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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PODIATRISTS TO ADMINISTER PREMEASURED DOSES OF THE COVID‑19 VACCINE.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any professional scope of practice or unauthorized practice of law provision in this State, the following individuals have the authority to administer premeasured doses of the COVID‑19 vaccine:

(1) podiatrists (DPM’s) licensed in good standing with the SC LLR Board of Podiatry Examiners who have successfully completed the following COVID‑19 training programs available through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

(a) “COVID‑19 Vaccine Training; General Overview of Immunization Best Practices for Healthcare Providers”;

(b) “What Every Clinician Should Know about COVID‑19 Vaccines Safety”;

(c) “What Clinicians Need to Know About the Pfizer‑BioNTech and Moderna COVID‑19 Vaccines”; and

(d) “Pfizer‑BioNTech COVID‑19 Vaccine: What Healthcare Professionals Need to Know”; and who administer the vaccine at a site dedicated to the administration of the COVID‑19 vaccine, which does not include the office in which the podiatrist typically practices podiatry, in which a Physician, Physician Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, and/or a Registered Nurse licensed in good standing in South Carolina and capable of appropriate evaluation and response to medical emergencies, including resuscitation and treatment of anaphylaxis, is present.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor. This joint resolution terminates and is no longer effective when South Carolina is no longer under a declared public health emergency concerning COVID‑19.

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