**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 1‑11‑710, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY’S DUTY TO MAKE CERTAIN INSURANCE PLANS AVAILABLE, SO AS TO ALLOW SPOUSES COVERED BY A STATE PLAN TO REMAIN COVERED UNDER THE SAME STATE PLAN WHEN THEY BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE PLAN DUE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1‑11‑710 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 62 of 2021, is further amended by adding an appropriately lettered subsection at the end to read:

“( ) Beginning January 1, 2023, a person insured by the state plan as a covered spouse who obtains employment making him eligible for coverage under the state plan may remain covered under the family plan of his spouse.”

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

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