**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑6‑120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022, AN ADULT SIXTY‑FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY‑THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, WITH A FIVE PERCENT INCOME DISREGARD, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 6, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑6‑120. Beginning January 1, 2023, an adult sixty‑five years of age and younger whose income is at or below one hundred thirty‑three percent of the federal poverty level, with a five percent income disregard, is eligible for Medicaid as provided for in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P.L. No. 111‑148), and amendments to that act.”

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

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