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**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Governor's Action: June 7, 2012, Signed

Summary: Hospitals required to provide parents of newborns educational information

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/31/2012 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\01-31-12.docx))

1/31/2012 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\01-31-12.docx))

2/7/2012 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Pope

3/28/2012 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\03-28-12.docx))

4/18/2012 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Whipper, R.L.Brown

4/19/2012 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-19-12.docx))

4/19/2012 House Roll call Yeas‑84 Nays‑11 ([House Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-19-12.docx))

4/19/2012 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-19-12.docx))

4/20/2012 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\hj%20archive\2012\04-20-12.docx))

4/24/2012 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\04-24-12.docx))

4/24/2012 Senate Referred to Committee on **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\04-24-12.docx))

5/24/2012 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Medical Affairs** ([Senate Journal‑page 20](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-24-12.docx))

5/29/2012 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-29-12.docx))

5/29/2012 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-29-12.docx))

5/30/2012 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\sj%20archive\2012\05-30-12.docx))

6/5/2012 Ratified R 237

6/7/2012 Signed By Governor

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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑37‑60 SO AS TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO PROVIDE PARENTS OF NEWBORNS, PRIOR TO DISCHARGE, EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION ON PERTUSSIS DISEASE AND TO REQUIRE THIS INFORMATION TO INCLUDE THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL’S RECOMMENDATION THAT PARENTS RECEIVE THE TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS VACCINE DURING POSTPARTUM TO PROTECT NEWBORNS FROM THE TRANSMISSION OF PERTUSSIS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT HOSPITALS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE OR PAY FOR A VACCINATION AGAINST PERTUSSIS.**

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

**Information on pertussis disease to be provided to parents of newborns**

SECTION 1. Chapter 37, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑37‑60. (A) During the postpartum period and prior to discharge each hospital shall provide parents of newborns educational information on pertussis disease and the availability of a vaccine to protect against pertussis. This educational information must include, but is not limited to, information on the Center for Disease Control’s recommendation that parents receive the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine during the postpartum period to protect their newborns from the transmission of pertussis.

(B) Nothing in this section requires a hospital to provide or pay for a vaccination against pertussis.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 5th day of June, 2012.

Approved the 7th day of June, 2012.

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