**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 41‑35‑67, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO ALIENS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE SHALL SCREEN AN APPLICANT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS USING THE E‑VERIFY PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41‑35‑67(2) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(2)(a) To ensure compliance with this section, the department shall screen all applicants for benefits by using the E‑verify Program, or its successor, maintained and operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and the Social Security Administration.

(b) Any additional data or information required of individuals applying for benefits to determine whether benefits are not payable to them because of their alien status ~~shall~~ also must be uniformly required from all applicants for benefits.”

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

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