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4/26/2016 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2016\04-26-16.docx))

4/26/2016 Senate Roll call Ayes‑40 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 54](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2016\04-26-16.docx))

4/27/2016 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 33](file:///h:\SJ%20Archive\2016\04-27-16.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 38‑71‑1520, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE ACCESS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF “EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROVIDER” TO INCLUDE ORAL SURGEONS AND DENTISTS LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38‑71‑1545 SO AS TO EXCLUDE APPLICATION OF THE ARTICLE TO CERTAIN INSURANCE POLICIES.**

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

**Emergency Medical Care Act, definitions**

SECTION 1. Section 38‑71‑1520(3) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(3) ‘Emergency medical provider’ means hospitals licensed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, hospital‑based services, physicians licensed by the State Board of Medical Examiners, and oral surgeons and dentists licensed by the State Board of Dentistry who provide emergency medical care.”

**Exclusion of certain insurance policies**

SECTION 2. Article 15, Chapter 71, Title 38 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 38‑71‑1545. The provisions of this article do not apply to a policy which provides disability or income protection coverage, hospital confinement indemnity coverage, accident‑only coverage, specified disease or specified accident coverage, long‑term care coverage, vision‑only coverage, or coverage issued as a supplement to Medicare.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of May, 2016.

Approved the 12th day of May, 2016.

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