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**A** **JOINT RESOLUTION**

TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO NATURAL PUBLIC SWIMMING AREAS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 4570, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE.

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

SECTION 1. The regulations of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, relating to Natural Public Swimming Areas, designated as Regulation Document Number 4570, and submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 1 of the 1976 Code, are approved.

SECTION 2. This joint resolution takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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SUMMARY AS SUBMITTED

BY PROMULGATING AGENCY.

On June 22, 2012, Regulation 61‑68, *Water Classifications and Standards*, was amended and changed the bacteriological water quality indicator used to determine water classifications from fecal coliform to E. coli. Regulation 61‑50, *Natural Public Swimming Areas,* establishes minimum criteria for construction, operation and bacteriological water quality at natural public swimming areas. Currently, Regulation 61‑50 requires natural public swimming areas to comply with fecal coliform bacteria standards in order to remain open to the public. These amendments of Regulation 61‑50 change the bacteriological water quality standard from fecal coliform to E. coli so that Regulation 61‑50 is consistent with Regulation 61‑68. See Statements of Need and Reasonableness and Rationale herein.

A Notice of Drafting for these amendments was published in the February 27, 2015 *State Register.*

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