**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59‑103‑155 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO OFFER MANDATORY COURSES ON THE PRESCRIBING AND MONITORING OF SCHEDULE II, III, AND IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 103, Title 59 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 59‑103‑155. Any public or private institution of higher education in the State from which a student may earn a degree in a health care profession that allows the person to prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, and IV in the State shall require for those programs that students complete coursework on the prescription and monitoring of Schedule II, III, and IV controlled substances, including coursework on the prescription of Schedule II controlled substances to treat or manage pain. These institutions of higher education shall coordinate with the state’s Board of Medical Examiners, Board of Dentistry, and Board of Nursing to develop the curriculum.”

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

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