**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44‑29‑45 SO AS TO REQUIRE VACCINE ADMINISTRATORS TO OBTAIN WRITTEN INFORMED CONSENT BEFORE ADMINISTERING A COVID‑19 VACCINATION TO A PERSON; AND TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 29, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑29‑45. (A) Any COVID‑19 vaccination administrator in the State of South Carolina must obtain written informed consent before administering a COVID‑19 vaccination to a person. The department shall develop a template to be used statewide by COVID‑19 vaccination administrators when obtaining written informed consent that lists all potential side effects and contraindications of a COVID‑19 vaccination.

(B) A vaccine administrator who violates subsection (A) is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than twenty‑five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.”

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

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