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4952			Procedure to Employ, through Contract or Otherwise, Qualified, Independent Third-Party Consultants or Experts	05/12/2021	Public Service Commission	Regs and Admin Procedures	Judiciary

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Executive Order No. 2020-41

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-24, declaring a State of Emergency in connection with a severe storm system that moved across the southeastern region of the United States beginning on April 12, 2020, which produced at least twenty-five (25) tornadoes, damaging winds, significant rainfall, extensive localized flooding, and other dangerous conditions in certain areas of the State of South Carolina through the early morning hours of April 13, 2020, and resulted in at least nine (9) weather-related deaths, caused extensive damage to public and private property, and disrupted essential utility services and systems throughout the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions and resulting impacts, and in accordance with county government closures and the normal state procedure associated with the same, state government offices in certain counties throughout the State were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule to ensure the safety of state employees and the general public; and

WHEREAS, section 8-11-57 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “whenever the Governor declares a state of emergency or orders all or some state offices closed due to hazardous weather conditions he may authorize up to five days leave with pay for affected state employees who are absent from work due to the state of emergency or the hazardous weather conditions.”

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. I hereby authorize leave with pay for affected state employees, as set forth below, who were absent from work due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, and in accordance with the directive for state government offices to follow county government closures for hazardous weather conditions, in the following counties and on the following dates:

April 13, 2020:

Closed: Colleton County, Oconee County

April 14, 2020:

Closed: Colleton County

Section 2. In the event that county government offices in a county not listed above were closed or operated on an abbreviated schedule due to the aforementioned hazardous weather conditions, I hereby authorize the South Carolina Department of Administration to grant leave with pay for affected state employees who were absent from work as a result of the corresponding closure of state government offices and to administratively add any such county to the list of covered closures.

This Order is effective immediately.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 25th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

Executive Order No.2020-42

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has taken, and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in coping with and mitigating the significant public health threat and other impacts associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”), and in doing so, the State must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature of the ongoing emergency, while simultaneously continuing to focus on facilitating and encouraging economic recovery and revitalization in a safe, strategic, and incremental manner; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the foregoing, the undersigned has, *inter alia*, convened the Public Health Emergency Plan Committee (“PHEPC”), activated the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”), and regularly conferred with state and federal agencies, officials, and experts, to include the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”), and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (“EMD”); and

WHEREAS, in addition to the aforementioned actions, on March 11, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-07, suspending certain transportation-related rules and regulations, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to protect public health and safety in connection with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia, pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5207 (“Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 *et seq.*, and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5, as amended, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the aforementioned emergency, the undersigned initiated and implemented various measures to address the significant public health, economic, and other impacts associated with COVID-19 and to mitigate the resulting burdens on healthcare providers, individuals, and businesses in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-09, directing, *inter alia*, the closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina for students and non-essential employees beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, and through Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and the postponement or rescheduling of any election scheduled to be held in this State on or before May 1, 2020, as well as urging that indoor and outdoor public gatherings be cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled, to the extent possible, or limited so as not to exceed one hundred (100) people; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, based on updated information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the President of the United States and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidance—titled, “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)” —to help protect Americans during the global COVID-19 outbreak; and

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WHEREAS, the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommend, *inter alia*, that the American people “[w]ork or engage in schooling from home whenever possible”; “[a]void social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people”; “[a]void eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts—use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options”; and “[a]void discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, based on updated information and recommendations from the CDC, the President of the United States, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-10, directing additional emergency measures in response to the threat posed by COVID-19, to include temporarily prohibiting restaurants from providing certain food services for on-premises consumption and prohibiting events at government facilities that would convene fifty (50) or more people in a single room, area, or other confined indoor or outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing directives, Executive Order No. 2020-10 also “authorize[d] and direct[ed] any agency within the undersigned’s Cabinet or any other department within the Executive Branch, as defined by section 1-30-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, through its respective director or secretary, to waive or ‘suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency,’ in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and other applicable law”; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-11, initiating further emergency measures and suspending certain regulations to ensure the proper function and continuity of state government operations and the uninterrupted performance and provision of emergency, essential, or otherwise mission-critical state government services, while simultaneously undertaking additional measures to safeguard the health and safety of state employees, mitigate significant economic impacts and burdens on affected individuals and employers, and provide regulatory relief to expedite emergency response initiatives and enhance the availability of critical healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-12, initiating additional actions to provide regulatory relief to facilitate “social distancing” practices and to mitigate the significant economic impacts of COVID-19 on individuals and businesses throughout the State, particularly restaurants and other food-service establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-13, authorizing and directing law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to, *inter alia*, prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such law enforcement official determines, in their discretion, that any such congregation or gathering of people poses, or could pose, a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the undersigned requested that the President of the United States declare that a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act, and on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States granted the undersigned’s request and declared that such a major disaster exists and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with an effective date retroactive to January 20, 2020, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-14, directing that individuals who enter the State of South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread of COVID-19 shall be required to isolate or self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into the State of South Carolina or the duration of the individual’s presence in South Carolina, whichever period is shorter; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, declaring a new, separate, and distinct State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending certain provisions of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States extended and expanded the provisions of his Coronavirus Guidelines for America until April 30, 2020, based on the ongoing nature and evolving scope of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-16, directing that any and all public beach access points and public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, and boat landings that provide public access to the public waters of this State shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-17, directing that certain “non-essential” businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities in the following categories be closed to non-employees and the public, effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.: entertainment venues and facilities, recreational and athletic facilities and activities, and close-contact service providers; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-18, superseding the provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-17 and directing that certain additional “non-essential” businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities in the general category of retail stores also be closed to non-employees and the public, effective Monday, April 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-19, directing that effective Friday, April 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all individuals, entities, or establishments engaged in the provision of short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or other lodging accommodations or operations in exchange for consideration in the State of South Carolina are prohibited from making or accepting new reservations or bookings from or for individuals residing in or travelling from any country, state, municipality, or other geographic area subject to or identified in a CDC travel advisory or other CDC notice as a location with extensive community transmission of COVID-19, to include the Tri-State Area (consisting of the States of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut); and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-21, directing, *inter alia*, that effective Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all residents and visitors of the State of South Carolina are required to limit social interaction, practice “social distancing” in accordance with CDC guidance, and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and to slow the spread of, COVID-19, and shall limit their movements outside of their Residence, except for purposes of engaging in Essential Business, Essential Activities, or Critical Infrastructure Operations, as such terms are further defined therein; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-22, authorizing and directing the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce to take certain actions to allow employers to provide COVID-19 Support Payments to furloughed employees, while still allowing such individuals to qualify for unemployment benefits if they are otherwise eligible for the same; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-23, declaring an additional State of Emergency based on new facts and circumstances and a determination that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State posed a different and distinct public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending provisions of certain of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

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WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-25, modifying certain emergency restrictions related to the public waters of the State to facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as well as modifying and extending previous emergency measures pertaining to unemployment claims and benefits; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued new Guidelines on Opening Up America Again, which contemplate individual States reopening in phases using a deliberate, data-driven approach tailored to address the situation in each State; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-28, amending prior emergency restrictions related to public beaches and waters and initiating certain modifications to prior “non-essential” business closures—specifically, “retail stores,” as identified therein by general description—so as to begin the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-29, declaring an additional, distinct State of Emergency—based on, *inter alia*, the continued spread of COVID-19 and the significant economic consequences for individuals and businesses in this State—and implementing additional extraordinary measures to address the same, while also extending provisions of certain prior Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-30, rescinding Executive Order Nos. 2020-14 and 2020-19, as amended, which imposed the aforementioned mandatory self-quarantine and lodging and travel restrictions for individuals entering South Carolina from high-risk areas; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-31, modifying Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as well as amending the provisions of Section 4 of Executive Order No. 2020-10, as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-29, so as to authorize restaurants to provide outdoor customer dining services, effective Monday, May 4, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., in addition to previously authorized services for off-premises consumption; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-33, ordering that any election postponed pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order Nos. 2020-09 and 2020-29 shall be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-34, modifying and amending certain prior Orders so as to authorize restaurants to provide services for limited indoor, on-premises customer dining, effective Monday, May 11, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., in addition to previously authorized services for off-premises consumption and outdoor customer dining, as well as rescinding those restrictions previously imposed on boating activities; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-35, declaring an additional, distinct State of Emergency—based on, *inter alia*, the continued spread of COVID-19, the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the State’s elderly population, and the need for the rapid deployment and widespread implementation of enhanced tracing and testing to identify, isolate, and address cases of COVID-19—and implementing additional extraordinary measures to address the same, while also extending provisions of certain prior Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2020, upon consultation with, *inter alia*, various state and federal agencies, officials, and experts, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-36, amending certain prior Orders so

as to initiate additional modifications to prior “non-essential” business closures—namely, “close-contact service providers” and specific “recreational and athletic facilities and activities,” as identified by general description and further defined therein—and continue the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, the undersigned signed H. 3411, R-140, Act No. 135 of 2020, as passed by the General Assembly and ratified on May 12, 2020, which acknowledged “the public health emergency associated with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)” and recognized that “given the extraordinary challenges facing our State, our nation, and the world due to COVID-19, it is necessary to take emergency measures to combat the spread of this deadly virus”; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2020, upon further consultation with, *inter alia*, various state and federal agencies, officials, and experts, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-37, amending prior Orders so as to initiate additional modifications to prior “non-essential” business closures—namely, certain categories of entertainment venues and facilities and recreational and athletic facilities and activities, as identified by general description and further defined therein—as part of the ongoing process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-38, declaring an additional, distinct State of Emergency—based on new circumstances and the continued need to, *inter alia*, control the spread of COVID-19, mitigate the impacts associated with the same on certain portions of the State’s population, deploy enhanced testing and tracing, and coordinate additional intergovernmental and interagency resources and response efforts—and implementing additional extraordinary measures, while also extending provisions of certain prior Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-40, declaring a separate and distinct State of Emergency—based on new facts and circumstances, including the continued spread of COVID-19 and the emergence of new “hot spots” in certain areas of the State—and implementing additional extraordinary measures, while also modifying specific directives and extending certain prior Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, while the foregoing emergency measures have helped limit and slow the spread of COVID-19, the COVID-19 pandemic represents an ongoing and evolving public health threat, which requires that the State of South Carolina continue to take all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the current public health emergency and the significant economic impacts and other consequences associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[t]he Governor, when in his opinion the facts warrant, shall, by proclamation, declare that, because of . . . a public health emergency . . . a danger exists to the person or property of any citizen and that the peace and tranquility of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, or any particular area of the State designated by him, is threatened, and because thereof an emergency, with reference to such threats and danger, exists”; and

WHEREAS, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, the undersigned is authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to “declare a state of emergency for all or part of the State if he finds a disaster or a public health emergency . . . has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary measures are considered necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, a “public health emergency” exists when there is an “occurrence or imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” which includes “an illness or health condition that may be caused by . . . epidemic or pandemic

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disease, or a novel infectious agent . . . that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities [or] widespread illness”; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that when a state of emergency has been declared, the undersigned “may further, cope with such threats and danger, order and direct any person or group of persons to do any act which would in his opinion prevent or minimize danger to life, limb or property, or prevent a breach of the peace; and he may order any person or group of persons to refrain from doing any act or thing which would, in his opinion, endanger life, limb or property, or cause, or tend to cause, a breach of the peace, or endanger the peace and good order of the State or any section or community thereof, and he shall have full power by use of all appropriate available means to enforce such order or proclamation”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1-3-460 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the foregoing and other emergency authority is “supplemental to and in aid of powers now vested in the Governor under the Constitution, statutory laws[,] and police powers of the State”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is “responsible for the safety, security, and welfare of the State and is empowered with [certain] additional authority to adequately discharge this responsibility,” to include issuing, amending, and rescinding “emergency proclamations and regulations,” which shall “have the force and effect of law as long as the emergency exists”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is further authorized to “suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the undersigned, during a declared emergency, to “transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments, agencies, and commissions, or units thereof, for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable,” and to “compel performance by elected and appointed state, county, and municipal officials and employees of the emergency duties and functions assigned them in the State Emergency Plan or by Executive Order”; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is further authorized, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to “direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; to prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation; and to control ingress and egress at an emergency area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein”; and

WHEREAS, in the context of a public health emergency, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws also “authorizes the deployment and use of any resources and personnel including, but not limited to, local officers and employees qualified as first responders, to which the plans apply and the use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available pursuant to this act”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, “[i]n any area designated by the Governor in his proclamation that a state of emergency exists, and during the duration of the proclamation, it is unlawful for a person to: violate a provision in the proclamation including, but not limited to, any curfew set forth by the proclamation; congregate, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three or more and to refuse to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer; or wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer”; and

WHEREAS, it is axiomatic that “[t]he health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people are beyond question matters of public concern, and reasonable regulations and laws designed to preserve and protect the same are clearly contained in the police power inherent in the sovereign,” 1980 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 142 (Sept. 5, 1980); and

WHEREAS, in issuing Executive Order No. 2020-08 and declaring an initial State of Emergency in connection with COVID-19, the undersigned’s determination was made in accordance with section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and based on the “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” which includes “an illness or health condition that may be caused by . . . epidemic or pandemic disease, or a novel infectious agent . . . that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities [or] widespread illness”; and

WHEREAS, the public health threat posed by COVID-19 subsequently evolved from one that presented the “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition” to one that involved an actual and widespread “occurrence” of a “qualifying health condition,” pursuant to section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned evolution of COVID-19 from an “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” to an actual “occurrence” of a “qualifying health condition” or “pandemic,” and with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in over eighty-five percent (85%) of South Carolina’s forty-six (46) counties, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15 on March 28, 2020, finding, concluding, and declaring that COVID-19 presented a unique and distinct public health emergency for the State of South Carolina, which must be dealt with on its own accord; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina subsequently transitioned from the investigation, recognition, and initiation phases of the COVID-19 pandemic to the acceleration phase, with DHEC reporting cases of COVID-19 in each of the State’s forty-six (46) counties; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned transition and the accelerated, statewide spread of COVID-19, which presented different and additional risks and dangers, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-23 on April 12, 2020, declaring a new and distinct State of Emergency and initiating additional proactive action and directing the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned thereafter issued Executive Order No. 2020-29 on April 27, 2020, declaring a separate and distinct State of Emergency in response to, *inter alia*, the continued spread of COVID-19 and the significant economic consequences for individuals and businesses in this State, as well as the State’s ongoing recovery operations and relief efforts associated with the severe storm system that moved across the southeastern region of the United States beginning on April 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on, *inter alia*, the continued spread of COVID-19, the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on the State’s elderly population, and the need for the rapid deployment and widespread implementation of enhanced tracing and testing to identify, isolate, and address cases of COVID-19, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-35 on May 12, 2020, declaring an additional, distinct State of Emergency, which required the implementation of further extraordinary measures to respond to the same; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned subsequently issued Executive Order No. 2020-38 on May 27, 2020, declaring a separate and distinct State of Emergency based on new facts and circumstances and requiring the implementation of further extraordinary measures in an effort to, *inter alia*, control the spread of COVID-19, mitigate the impacts associated with the same on certain portions of the State’s population, deploy enhanced testing and tracing, and coordinate additional intergovernmental and interagency resources and response efforts; and

WHEREAS, based on, *inter alia*, the continued spread of COVID-19 and the emergence of “hot spots” in certain areas of the State, and the latest data related to the same, on June 11, 2020, the undersigned issued

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Executive Order No. 2020-40, declaring a new and distinct State of Emergency, which warranted additional proactive action and the implementation of further extraordinary measures; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has made significant progress to date in limiting and controlling the outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19, but the extraordinary circumstances and conditions that necessitated the undersigned's prior emergency declarations have since evolved to present different and additional threats, which must be dealt with on their own terms; and

WHEREAS, as of June 26, 2020, DHEC has identified at least 30,263 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of South Carolina, including 694 deaths due to COVID-19, as well as a record number of individuals hospitalized related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, over the past several weeks, the State has significantly increased the availability of, and access to, COVID-19 testing, and although the expansion of testing capability and capacity was expected to produce higher daily numbers of confirmed cases of COVID-19, DHEC has also noted sizable increases in the rate or percentage of positive cases, as well as the number of individuals hospitalized related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of South Carolina's enhanced testing and tracing initiatives, DHEC has also identified the additional "hot spots" in certain areas of the State, which warrants the implementation of further targeted outreach efforts to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued spread of COVID-19 and recent increases in the number of individuals hospitalized in connection with the same, the State of South Carolina must continue to take any and all necessary and appropriate steps to address and minimize the resulting strain on healthcare resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina must take additional proactive action to control the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate the impacts associated with the same, particularly on certain portions of the State's population, to include the continued deployment and widespread implementation of enhanced tracing and testing to identify, isolate, and address cases of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the findings set forth in section 44-4-110 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the different and additional public health threats posed by COVID-19, as well as the continued need to deploy widespread testing and tracing and other initiatives to address the same, "require the exercise of extraordinary government functions . . . to respond, rapidly and effectively" to the evolving emergency currently facing the entire State; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State of South Carolina continue to utilize extraordinary measures and deploy substantial resources to meet the unprecedented threat posed by COVID-19 and the evolving nature and scope of this public health emergency, and in order to promptly and effectively do so, the State must take any and all necessary and appropriate steps to coordinate additional intergovernmental and interagency resources and response efforts to address the current and anticipated circumstances; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, in further proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the continued spread of COVID-19, the State of South Carolina must simultaneously confront the significant economic impacts and other consequences associated with COVID-19, to include stabilizing and reinvigorating the State's economy by addressing issues related to unemployment, facilitating the reopening of businesses and industries, permitting economic flexibility by reducing regulations, and accessing and utilizing federal funds and resources to assist with emergency operations; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing process of facilitating economic recovery and revitalization in a safe, strategic, and incremental manner, the State of South Carolina must also continue to encourage effective "social distancing" practices and implement additional narrowly tailored measures to combat and control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the undersigned’s responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the State of South Carolina, the undersigned has determined—based on recent developments, updated data, new facts, changing conditions, and the previously unforeseen occurrence of a combination of extraordinary circumstances—that an effective response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including the different, additional, and intensifying threats cited herein, represents and requires a new and distinct emergency, which warrants further proactive action by the State of South Carolina and the implementation and enforcement of additional extraordinary measures to address the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons and in accordance with the cited authorities and other applicable law, I further order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Emergency Measures

To prepare for and respond to the ongoing and evolving public health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to mitigate the other significant impacts associated with the same, including the resulting strain on healthcare resources, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. The State of South Carolina must take additional proactive action and implement further extraordinary measures to prepare for, respond to, and address the ongoing and evolving public health threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, to include the continued utilization and coordination of intergovernmental and interagency resources, operations, and response efforts.

B. I hereby memorialize and confirm my prior activation of the Plan and direct that the Plan be further placed into effect and that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to proactively prepare for and promptly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the significant economic impacts and other consequences associated with the same. I further direct the continued utilization of all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to address the current State of Emergency.

C. I hereby direct DHEC to utilize and exercise any and all emergency powers, as set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act, codified as amended in Title 44, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, deemed necessary to promptly and effectively address the current public health emergency. In accordance with section 44-4-500 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, DHEC shall continue to “use every available means to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of infectious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.”

D. I hereby direct DHEC to restrict visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations, as DHEC deems necessary and appropriate. I further direct DHEC to develop guidelines for nursing homes and assisted living facilities to allow for or facilitate limited visitation for immediate family members and to communicate the same to such facilities.

E. I hereby authorize and direct state correctional institutions and local detention facilities to suspend visitation processes and procedures, as necessary, during this State of Emergency.

F. I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty, pursuant to section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and direct the Adjutant General to issue the requisite supplemental orders as he deems necessary and appropriate. I further order the activation of South Carolina National Guard personnel and the utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General, and in coordination with the Director of EMD, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the people of this State. I authorize Dual Status Command, as necessary, to allow the

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Adjutant General or his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status).

G. I hereby order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina shall be suspended, and I direct the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (“SLED”) to initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

H. I hereby declare that the prohibitions against price gouging pursuant to section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, are in effect and shall remain in effect for the duration of this State of Emergency.

I. I hereby declare that the provisions of the following Orders shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the State of Emergency declared herein, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded below or by prior or future Order: Executive Order Nos. 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-16, 2020-18, 2020-21, 2020-22, 2020-25, 2020-28, 2020-30, 2020-31, 2020-33, 2020-34, 2020-36, and 2020-37.

Section 2. Protection of First Responders

To ensure the uninterrupted performance and provision of emergency services and to maintain peace and good order during the State of Emergency, while simultaneously undertaking additional proactive measures to safeguard the health and safety of law enforcement authorities and other first responders, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. The State of South Carolina must promptly undertake and implement additional proactive measures to safeguard the health and safety of law enforcement authorities and other first responders who risk potential exposure to COVID-19 while providing emergency and other essential services during the State of Emergency.

B. I hereby authorize and direct any and all 911 operators or other emergency dispatchers to ask any individual placing a call for service whether such individual or any member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the same.

C. I hereby authorize and instruct DHEC, upon consultation with SLED, to provide any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance regarding the interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Section.

Section 3. Transportation Waivers

To expedite the State of South Carolina’s continued preparation for and response to the ongoing and evolving emergency conditions related to COVID-19 and to facilitate the prompt transportation and delivery of any critical resources, supplies, and personnel identified and deemed necessary in connection with the same, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. I hereby suspend certain rules and regulations, as set forth below, for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

B. I hereby authorize and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation (“DOT”) and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety (“DPS”), including the State Transport Police, as needed, to waive or suspend application and enforcement of the requisite state and federal rules and regulations pertaining to

registration, permitting, length, width, weight, load, and hours of service for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles operating in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's May 13, 2020 Extension of Expanded Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 Under 49 C.F.R. § 390.25, or any future amendments or supplements thereto; responding to the declared emergency in the State of South Carolina or providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to protect public health and safety in connection with COVID-19; or otherwise assisting with the public health threat posed by COVID-19, to include commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles transporting essential goods and products, such as food, water, medicine, medical supplies and equipment, fuels and petroleum products (to include fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, and liquid petroleum), livestock, poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and crops and other agricultural products ready to be harvested (to include timber and wood chips). I further authorize and direct DOT and DPS to issue, provide, or promulgate any necessary and appropriate clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section.

C. This Section shall not be construed to require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, "a driver who informs the motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest must be permitted at least ten (10) consecutive hours off duty before the driver is required to return to such terminal or location." Likewise, this Section shall not be construed as an exemption from the applicable controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 382, the commercial driver's license requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, or the financial responsibility requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, and it shall not be interpreted to relieve compliance with any other state or federal statute, rule, order, regulation, restriction, or other legal requirement not specifically waived, suspended, or addressed herein.

D. This Section is subject to any clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by DOT or DPS, as authorized herein or as otherwise provided by law. Notwithstanding the waiver or suspension of certain rules and regulations as set forth above, drivers in South Carolina are still subject to the following state requirements to ensure public safety:

1. Weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on highways or roadways maintained by the State of South Carolina shall not exceed, for continuous travel on all non-interstates, United States, and South Carolina designated routes, maximum dimensions of twelve (12) feet in width, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height, and ninety thousand (90,000) pounds in gross weight.

2. Posted bridges may not be crossed.

3. All vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, shall not damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic, shall maintain the required limits of insurance, and shall be clearly identified as a utility vehicle or shall provide appropriate documentation indicating they are responding to the emergency.

4. Any vehicles that exceed the above dimensions, weights, or both, must obtain a permit with defined routes from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversized/Overweight Permit Office. To order a permit, please call (803) 737-6769 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or (803) 206-9566 after normal business hours.

5. Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws relating to oversized/overweight loads operating on South Carolina roadways.

E. This Section is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or the duration of the State of Emergency, whichever is less, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70(D) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, except that requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles travelling on non-interstate routes for up to one hundred twenty (120) days, pursuant to the provisions of section 56-5-70(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

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Section 4. Enforcement

A. I hereby authorize any and all law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to do whatever may be deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order during the State of Emergency and to enforce the provisions of this Order and any prior or future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the present State of Emergency.

B. Pursuant to section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, any individual who “refuse[s] to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer,” “wilfully fail[s] or refuse[s] to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer,” or otherwise violates any provision of any Order issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency “is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.”

C. In accordance with section 1-3-440(4) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I further authorize, order, and direct any State, county, or city official to enforce the provisions of this Order and any prior or future Orders issued in connection with the present State of Emergency, as necessary and appropriate, in the courts of the State by injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate legal action.

D. In addition to the foregoing, I further authorize, order, and direct DHEC to exercise and utilize any and all necessary and appropriate emergency powers, as set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act, codified as amended in Title 44, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to implement and enforce the provisions of this Order. In accordance with section 44-4-500 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, DHEC shall continue to “use every available means to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of infectious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.”

Section 5. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

C. If or to the extent that any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with this Order, this Order shall supersede and preempt any such local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction.

D. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) days unless otherwise expressly stated herein or modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

Executive Order No. 2020-43

WHEREAS, a Grand Jury convened in Union County has returned two Indictments charging David Taylor, Sheriff of Union County, with one count of Disseminating, Procuring or Promoting Obscenity, in violation of section 16-15-305(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and one count of Misconduct in Office, in violation of the Common Law of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, David Taylor, as Sheriff of Union County, South Carolina, is an officer of the State or its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution provides, in relevant part, that “[a]ny officer of the State or its political subdivisions . . . who has been indicted by a grand jury for a crime involving moral turpitude . . . may be suspended by the Governor until he shall have been acquitted” and “[i]n case of conviction the office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy filled as may be provided by law”; and

WHEREAS, under South Carolina law, moral turpitude “implies something immoral in itself,” *State v. Horton*, 271 S.C. 413, 414, 248 S.E.2d 263, 263 (1978), and “involves an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the social duties which a man owes to his fellow man or society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between man and man,” *State v. Major*, 301 S.C. 181, 186, 391 S.E.2d 235, 238 (1990); and

WHEREAS, one or both of the aforementioned Indictments charge David Taylor with “a crime involving moral turpitude” for purposes of article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution; and

WHEREAS, section 23-11-40(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides, in pertinent part, that “[i]f any vacancy occurs in the office [of sheriff in any county of this State] at any time and is created by suspension by the Governor upon any sheriff’s indictment, the Governor shall appoint some suitable person . . . to hold the office until the suspended sheriff is acquitted, or the indictment is otherwise disposed of, or until a sheriff is elected and qualifies in the next general election for county sheriffs, whichever event occurs first”; and

WHEREAS, Samuel W. White, of Union, South Carolina, is a fit and proper person to serve as Sheriff of Union County.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby suspend David Taylor from the office of Sheriff of Union County until such time as he shall be formally acquitted or convicted. Accordingly, pursuant to article VI, section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution and section 23-11-40(C) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I hereby appoint Samuel W. White to serve as Sheriff of Union County until David Taylor is acquitted, or the indictment is otherwise disposed of, or until a sheriff is elected and qualifies in the next general election for county sheriffs, whichever event occurs first.

This action in no manner addresses the guilt or innocence of David Taylor and shall not be construed as an expression of any opinion on such question. This Order is effective immediately.

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**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
THIS 9th DAY OF JULY, 2020.**

**HENRY MCMASTER
Governor**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

**Notice of Cancellation and Rescheduling of Public Hearing
State Register Document No. 4958**

July 24, 2020

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) had Document No. 4958, Notice of Proposed Regulation, published in the February 28, 2020, State Register to propose amendment of R.61-63, Radioactive Materials (Title A). The Notice scheduled a public comment period closing March 28, 2020, and May 7, 2020, public hearing scheduled before the Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board). The Department had a Notice of Cancellation and Rescheduling published in the April 24, 2020, State Register to reschedule the public hearing for July 9, 2020.

Due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic, the July 9, 2020, public hearing is hereby rescheduled for September 10, 2020. The public hearing will be held September 10, 2020, in the Board Room (3420), Third Floor, Aycock Building, at the Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, S.C. Due to admittance procedures at the DHEC building, all visitors must enter through the Bull Street entrance and register at the front desk.

The Board meeting commences at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Board will consider items on its agenda in the order presented. The order of presentation for public hearings will be noticed in the Board's agenda to be published by the Department 24 hours in advance of the meeting at <http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/docs/AGENDA.PDF>. The agenda will also provide notice of cancellation of any change to meeting times. Persons desiring to make oral comments at the public hearing are asked to limit their statements to five minutes or less and, as a courtesy, are asked to provide written copies of their presentations for the record.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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In accordance with Section 44-7-200(D), Code of Laws of South Carolina, the public is hereby notified that a Certificate of Need application has been accepted for filing and publication on **July 24, 2020** for the following project(s). After the application is deemed complete, affected persons will be notified that the review cycle has begun. For further information, please contact Arnisha Keitt, Certificate of Need Program, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201 at (803) 545-3495.

Affecting Beaufort County**F.C. of South Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Intrepid USA Healthcare Services**

Establishment of a Home Health Agency in Beaufort County at a total project cost of \$475,000.

Affecting Charleston County**Roper Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Roper Hospital**

Purchase of two (2) da Vinci XI robotic surgical systems one additional and one replacement at total project cost of \$5,690,298.

Affecting Dorchester County**Trident Medical Center, LLC d/b/a Summerville Medical Center**

Renovation of 2,202 sf to establish diagnostic cardiac catheterization services at a total project cost of \$640,809.

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Affecting Hampton County

F.C. of South Carolina, Inc. d/b/a Intrepid USA Healthcare Services

Establishment of a Home Health Agency in Hampton County at a total project cost of \$475,000.

Affecting Horry County

Conway Hospital, Inc, d/b/a Conway Medical Center

Renovation of 10,981 sf for the establishment of a 12-bed inpatient rehabilitation unit at a total project cost of \$3,988,056.

Affecting Richland County

Broadstep Academy - SC, Inc d/b/a Broadstep Behavioral Eastover

Establishment of a Residential Treatment Facility with 54 beds at a total project cost of \$649,580.

Affecting Williamsburg County

Medical University Hospital Authority d/b/a MUSC Health Williamsburg/Lake City Hospital

Construction for the establishment of a 25-bed hospital with CT and MRI services at a total project cost of \$39,000,000.

In accordance with Section 44-7-210(A), Code of Laws of South Carolina, and S.C. DHEC Regulation 61-15, the public and affected persons are hereby notified that for the following projects, applications have been deemed complete, and the review cycle has begun. A proposed decision will be made as early as 30 days, but no later than 120 days, from **July 24, 2020**. "Affected persons" have 30 days from the above date to submit requests for a public hearing to Arnisha Keitt, Certificate of Need Program, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. If a public hearing is timely requested, the Department's decision will be made after the public hearing, but no later than 150 days from the above date. For further information call (803) 545-3495.

Affecting Berkeley County

Roper St. Francis Hospital - Berkeley, Inc. d/b/a Roper St. Francis Hospital - Berkeley

Establishment of diagnostic cardiac catheterization services through the addition of a diagnostic cardiac catheterization laboratory at a total project cost of \$141,938.

Affecting Charleston County

Bon Secours-St. Francis Xavier Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Bon Secours St. Francis Xavier Hospital

Purchase of a da Vinci XI robotic surgical system at total project cost of \$2,584,448.

Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital d/b/a Mount Pleasant Hospital

Purchase of a da Vinci XI robotic surgical system at total project cost of \$2,584,448.

Affecting Cherokee County

Amedisys Home Health Inc. of South Carolina d/b/a Amedisys Home Health of Clinton

Establishment of a Home Health agency in Cherokee county at a total project cost of \$14,288.

Affecting Florence County

Medical University Hospital Authority d/b/a MUSC Health Florence Medical Center Freestanding Emergency Department

Construction of a 10,500 sf Freestanding Emergency Department (FSED) in Florence County at a total project cost of \$15,283,144.

Affecting Greenville County

Prisma Health-Upstate d/b/a Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital

Renovation of existing space and conversion of 16 existing neonatal intermediate (Level II) care beds to neonatal intensive (Level III) care beds for a total of 28 (Level III) and 52 (Level II) neonatal care beds at a total project cost of \$2,200,000.

Affecting Lancaster County**Medical University Hospital Authority d/b/a MUSC Health Indian Land Medical Center**

Construction for the establishment of a 98-bed acute care hospital in Lancaster County through the transfer of 98 licensed hospital beds from MUSC Health Lancaster Medical Center at a total project cost of \$235,020,333.

Affecting Williamsburg County**Medical University Hospital Authority d/b/a MUSC Health Williamsburg/Lake City Hospital**

Construction for the establishment of a 25-bed hospital with CT and MRI services at a total project cost of \$39,000,000.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

DHEC-Bureau of Land and Waste Management, File # 59290
226 Hyatt Street Site

**NOTICES OF VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT,
CONTRIBUTION PROTECTION, AND COMMENT PERIOD**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the Department) intends to enter into a Voluntary Cleanup Contract (VCC) with SLR Holdings, Inc. (the Responsible Party). The VCC provides that the Responsible Party, with DHEC's oversight, will fund and perform future response actions at the 226 Hyatt Street facility located in Cherokee County at 226 Hyatt Street, Gaffney, South Carolina and any surrounding area impacted by the migration of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (the Site).

Response actions addressed in the VCC include, but may not be limited to, the Responsible Party funding and performing a remedial investigation and, if necessary, an evaluation of cleanup alternatives for addressing any contamination. Further, the Responsible Party shall reimburse the Department's future costs of overseeing the work performed by the Responsible Party and other Department response costs pursuant to the VCC.

The VCC is subject to a thirty-day public comment period consistent with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9613, and the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Act (HWMA), S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200 (as amended). Notices of contribution protection and comment period will be provided to other known potentially responsible parties. The VCC is available:

- (1) On-line at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices>; or
- (2) By contacting Elisa Vincent at 803-898-0882 or vincenef@dhec.sc.gov.

Any comments to the proposed VCC must be submitted in writing, postmarked no later than August 24th, 2020, and addressed to: Elisa Vincent, DHEC-BLWM-SARR, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

Upon the successful completion of the VCC, the Responsible Party will receive a covenant not to sue for the work done in completing the response actions specifically covered in the VCC and completed in accordance with the approved work plans and reports. Upon execution of the VCC, the Responsible Party shall be deemed to have resolved their liability to the State in an administrative settlement for purposes of, and to the extent authorized under CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9613(f)(2) and 9613(f)(3)(B), and under HWMA, S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200, for the matters addressed in the VCC. Further, to the extent authorized under 42 U.S.C. Section 9613(f)(3)(B), S.C. Code Ann. Section 44-56-200, the Responsible Party may seek contribution from any person who is not a party to this administrative settlement.

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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAPTER 43

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60(1), 59-5-65, 59-25-110, 59-25-115, 59-26-40, and 59-26-85

Notice of Drafting:

The State Board of Education proposes to amend Regulation 43-53, Credential Classification.

Interested persons may submit their comments in writing to Ms. Mary Hipp, Director, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator, Community, and Federal Resources, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, South Carolina 29223 or by e-mail to mhipp@ed.sc.gov. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2020.

Synopsis:

State Board of Education (SBE) R.43-53 governs the requirements for teacher credential classifications. Amendments to R.43-53 will update types of credential classification and requirements for credential classification changes and will authorize the SBE to develop guidelines for types and levels of credential classification.

Legislative review is required.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION BOARD OF DENTISTRY CHAPTER 39

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-15-40

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Board of Dentistry proposes to amend: R.39-5(F)(1) regarding obtaining continuing education online; R.39-5(F)(3) regarding continuing education requirements related to CPR; and R.39-6 regarding elections. The Board further proposes to add a regulation regarding the use of lasers in a dental setting. Interested persons may submit comments to Meredith Buttler, Administrator, Board of Dentistry, South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Post Office Box 11329, Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329.

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Legislative review of this amendment is required.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION
OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
CHAPTER 71

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-15-220

Notice of Drafting:

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – Division of Occupational Safety and Health (SC OSHA) proposes to amend sections of Chapter 71, Article 1, Subarticle 3, Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Regulation: regarding the requirement for employee involvement in an establishment’s recordkeeping system; to prohibit an employer from discriminating against an employee for reporting a work-related fatality, injury or illness; and to update Appendix A to Subpart E of the regulation. SC OSHA further proposes to amend Section 71-310 to clarify that employers must comply with the provisions of 71-305 when making a determination as to whether a worker’s hearing loss is work-related. The Department also intends to add a period after the word designee in R.71-341(a)(3) and to add R.71-341(a)(4) regarding the electronic submission of the Employer Identification Number (EIN) used by the establishment which was inadvertently omitted from a prior update to this section. Finally, the Department intends to correct scrivener’s errors and cross-references in the following sections: R.71-301(a)(1) relating to the requirements of 71-339; R.71-332(b)(2)(iii) relating to the reference for R.71-329(b)(4); and R.71-346(1)(iii) relating to the replacement of the SIC Code with the NAICS code. Interested persons may submit comments to Kristina Baker, Deputy Director, SC OSHA, South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Post Office Box 11329, Columbia, S.C. 29211-1329.

Synopsis:

The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – Division of Occupational Safety and Health (SC OSHA) operates an occupational safety and health plan approved by the United States Department of Labor. As a requirement of that approval, the Department is required to have recordkeeping regulations that produce records and statistical data that are identical to those promulgated by the United States Department of Labor. The proposed regulation will revise the Occupational Injury and Illness Recording and Reporting Regulation (Chapter 71, Article 1, Subarticle 3) to comport with current Federal OSHA regulations.

Legislative review of this amendment is required.