



HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR

March 9, 2026

The Honorable Wm. Weston J. Newton
512 Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Newton:

I have signed into law R-108, H. 3254, which amends the South Carolina Code of Laws to add a subsection to section 40-47-32.

I sign this legislation with the understanding that its reference to the "South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control" means the South Carolina Department of Public Health, *see* 2023 S.C. Acts No. 60, § 1; its reference to the "South Carolina Department of Mental Health" means the Office of Mental Health at the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, *see* 2025 S.C. Acts No. 3, § 1; and its reference to the "South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs" means the Office of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities at the South Carolina Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, *see id.*

With this understanding, I have signed R-108, H. 3254 into law.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

Henry Dargan McMaster

HDM/wgl