



HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR

May 19, 2026

The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-259, H. 5164, which seeks to authorize hospitals to place beds in hallways, corridors, and other means of egress during justified emergencies. I have signed into law today R-241, S. 958, which authorizes hospitals to place beds in such places during such emergencies. R-259, H. 5164 is therefore unnecessary.

For that reason, I am respectfully vetoing R-259, H. 5164 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry Dargan McMaster", is written over a printed name.

Henry Dargan McMaster