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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3999
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 Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
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 Subject: Health Care Decisions
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	Undetermined	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to have a minimal expenditure impact on the General Fund and no impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds. The Office did not receive any responses from the counties surveyed and the potential local expenditure impact is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

House Bill 3999 amends Section 44-66-30 relating to the Adult Health Care Consent Act by adding additional classes of persons with the authority to make health care decisions for a patient who is unable to consent. The bill provides for a bioethics committee to select the proxy decision maker, for decision makers to consult with a second physician, that decisions to withhold life-prolonging measures be reviewed by a bioethics committee, and that proper documentation related to the selection of a decision maker be placed in the patient's medical record.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Department of Mental Health. The department indicates that procedures involved in determining an appropriate decision maker would involve a minimal increase in General Fund expenditures, which could be absorbed by the agency.

State Revenue

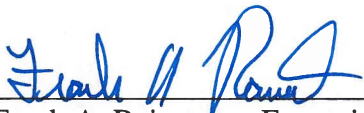
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Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the eight counties in South Carolina that operate county-owned hospitals regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Since our office received no responses from the counties surveyed, we cannot determine an expenditure impact.

Local Revenue

N/A



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