



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4728  
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**Subject:** Eye Care Consumer Protection  
**Requestor:** House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Stein  
**Impact Date:** February 12, 2016

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$185,440	\$166,162
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	2.50	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would increase General Fund expenditures by \$185,440 in FY 2016-17 and \$166,162 in FY 2017-18. This bill would have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill amends Title 44 by adding Chapter 45 known as the Eye Care Consumer Protection Law. The bill requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control to regulate the dispensing of prescription eyewear. The bill defines the term kiosk and specifies requirements for the proper use of automated visual diagnostic equipment. The bill requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control to enforce this Chapter through complaint investigations and hearing procedures. The bill specifies fines and other penalties for violations and provides that the violator’s licensing board shall retain all assessed fines and determine disciplinary actions.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** The department estimates that this new regulatory program would require one investigator, one administrative assistant, and one licensed practical nurse. First year costs are estimated at \$185,440 (including \$145,529 for salaries and fringes, \$20,633 for operating costs, and \$19,278 for the one-time purchase of office equipment and investigative training). Subsequently, annual operating expenditures are estimated at \$166,162.

**Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.** The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Minimal expenditures are anticipated but these would be absorbed using available resources.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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