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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0357
 Author: Cleary
 Requestor: Senate Medical Affairs
 Date: February 19, 2015
 Subject: Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services
 RFA Analyst(s): Stein, Fulmer, and Wren

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

| | FY 2015-16 | FY 2016-17 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| State Expenditure | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | N/A |
| Other and Federal | \$0 | 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 | \$0 | N/A |
| Local Revenue | N/A | N/A |

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill is expected to have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds; and it is expected to have minimal to no expenditure impact on local government entities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 357 amends Chapter 30, Title 44 by changing the Chapter title to “Health Care Professionals” and by titling Sections 44-30-10 through 44-30-90 as the “Health Care Professional Compliance Act.” The bill adds Section 44-30-310 and amends Section 38-79-30 relating to the Good Samaritan statute. These Sections declare that a licensed health care provider, when rendering services to a patient voluntarily and free of charge, must notify the patient--in writing or by electronic medical record device--that the services are being provided voluntarily and free of charge in order to be covered under the Good Samaritan statute. When these provisions are met, the licensed health care provider cannot be held liable for civil damages resulting from treatment.

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

Medical University of South Carolina. The University indicates this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

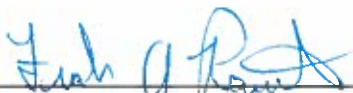
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Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted twenty-five county governments concerning the impact of this bill and received two responses. Florence County reports this bill will have no expenditure impact, and Richland County indicates this bill will have minimal to no expenditure impact on county governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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