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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3885 Amended by Senate Medical Affairs on April 25, 2017  
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**Subject:** ID Badges for Health Care Practitioners  
**Requestor:** Senate Medical Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Stein, Walling, and Kokolis  
**Impact Date:** May 18, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2017-18</b>	<b>FY 2018-19</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	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 as amended would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. Contacted agencies either already meet the identification requirements of the amended bill or are expected to manage any additional expenditure with existing resources. The Department of Health and Environmental Control will administer and enforce the identification requirement during the agency’s routine licensing inspections, and therefore, will not incur additional expenditures for enforcement.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by the Senate Medical Affairs Committee on April 25, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

The amended bill requires all health care practitioners to wear identification clearly stating their name, job title, and level of training. The bill applies to any person who: (1) provides health care in South Carolina and is regulated by Title 40, and (2) works in a health care facility other than a hospital. Clinical staff, clinical trainees, medical students, interns, and resident physicians of a hospital are already subject to a similar identification requirement. The bill also provides that failure to wear identification with the specified information does not constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the health care practitioner’s licensing board. The amended bill provides further that the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) shall administer and enforce the existing administration and enforcement provision in the Lewis Blackman Hospital Patient Safety Act (Sections 44-7-3410, et seq.) only for health care facilities subject to licensure by DHEC. The identification requirement for health care practitioners working in settings other than a hospital, as contained in this bill, would be added to that Act.

**Medical University of South Carolina and University of South Carolina.** The Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina indicate this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds as their health care workers already wear identification badges that meet the requirements of the bill.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).** The department is required to enforce the provisions of this article during its licensure inspections of health care facilities regulated under Article 3 of the chapter. The licensing division indicates that this bill would not have an expenditure impact because compliance with the provisions of the bill can be determined during routine facility licensing inspections.

In addition, health care practitioners employed by DHEC in their public health clinics wear identification badges. The department reports that to reissue badges with the information required by the bill would cost approximately \$2,000. It is anticipated that the department would manage this expense within its appropriated resources.

**Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.** The department indicates this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. While some changes to badges may be needed for health care practitioners working for regional residential centers and community residential providers, any additional expenditures can be managed within current appropriations.

**Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.** The department indicates any of its providers that would be affected by this bill already meet the identification requirements. Therefore, the bill would not have an expenditure impact on the department.

**Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.** The department indicates this bill would not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds because the bill does not place any additional requirements on the department or any of its boards.

**Department of Mental Health.** The amended bill applies to the department's nursing homes, but any additional expenditure would be managed within existing operating expenditures.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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