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**H. 4067**

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Summary: Hospital Emergency Departments

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 2/20/2025 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 6)

 2/20/2025 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 6)

 3/20/2025 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 10)

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Committee Report

March 20, 2025

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The committee on House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4067) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding Section 44-7-268 so as to require all hospitals with emergency departments to have at least one physician physically, etc., respectfully

Report:

That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

S.H. DAVIS for Committee.

statement of estimated fiscal impact

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill requires every hospital in South Carolina with an emergency department, regardless of classification, to have at least one physician physically present on site who is responsible for the emergency department at all times the department is open.

DPH oversees licensing for hospitals in South Carolina. DPH states that the requirements of this bill are in the normal course of business. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency.

The fiscal impact of this bill on MUSC is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

Local Expenditure

RFA contacted all counties to determine the impact on county hospitals. RFA received a response from the counties of Beaufort, Chesterfield, and Horry. These counties anticipate this bill will have no expenditure impact.

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-268 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL HOSPITALS WITH EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE PHYSICIAN PHYSICALLY PRESENT ON SITE WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AT ALL TIMES THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 44‑7‑268. As a condition of licensing and relicensing, every hospital in the State with an emergency department, regardless of classification, must have at least one physician physically present on site who is responsible for the emergency department at all times the emergency department is open.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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