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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3732	Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2019
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Subject:	Veterinarians	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) or the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) because it does not substantially increase the regulatory duties of either agencies.

This bill will have no revenue impact on DHEC because it will not increase the number of veterinarians required to register with the agency.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from LLR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response March 25, 2019
Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2019

State Expenditure

This bill requires any veterinarian who is authorized to prescribe controlled substances to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from DHEC. In addition, this bill adds to the continuing education requirements for veterinarians.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Veterinarians are licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, which is under the administration of LLR. The board will be required to monitor the additional continuing education requirements of veterinarians. The board is currently tasked with ensuring that veterinarians comply with continuing education requirements and is considered part of the board's day-to-day responsibilities. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or the board. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from LLR.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. This bill will require all veterinarians who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from DHEC. Currently, all veterinarians who choose to prescribe controlled substances are required to register with DHEC and the U. S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) pursuant to the S. C. Controlled Substances Act. All veterinarians choosing to engage in the prescribing of controlled substances as part of their practice would already be registered with DHEC. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

State Revenue

This bill requires all veterinarians who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from DHEC. Currently, all veterinarians who choose to prescribe controlled substances are required to register with DHEC. DHEC charges a \$125 fee for the Controlled Substances Registration. All veterinarians choosing to engage in the prescribing of controlled substances as part of their practice would already be registered with DHEC. Therefore, this portion of the bill will have no revenue impact on DHEC.

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

Amended by the House of Representatives on February 20, 2019**State Expenditure**

This bill requires any veterinarian that is authorized to prescribe controlled substances to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). In addition, this bill adds to the continuing education requirements for veterinarians.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Veterinarians are licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, which is under the administration of LLR. The expenditure impact to the board is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. All veterinarians who prescribe controlled substances are currently required to obtain a Controlled Substances Registration from DHEC. We have reached out to LLR to help determine if an additional number of veterinarians will be required to register pursuant to this bill. The expenditure impact to DHEC is pending, contingent upon information requested of LLR.

State Revenue

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC charges a \$125 fee for the Controlled Substances Registration. If additional veterinarians are required to register with DHEC pursuant to this bill, DHEC may experience additional revenue. We have requested information from LLR to help determine if this bill will increase the number of veterinarians required to register. The revenue impact to DHEC is pending, contingent upon information requested of LLR.

Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A



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