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Bill Number:	H. 4085	Introduced on March 17, 2021
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Subject:	Teledentistry	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of teledentistry. This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) as it does not materially impact the operations of the agency.

This impact statement has been updated to include a response from LLR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on July 8, 2021

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State Expenditure

This bill enacts the South Carolina Teledentistry Act and requires the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of teledentistry. As defined in the bill, teledentistry is the practice of dentistry using electronic communications, information technology, or other means between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location, with or without an intervening practitioner. The bill specifies additional definitions, restrictions, and patient rights relating to the practice of teledentistry. Dentists practicing teledentistry must hold an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in South Carolina, but the dentists need not reside in South Carolina. Dentists residing in South Carolina who intend to practice teledentistry outside of South Carolina are required to comply with other state licensing boards where the licensee holds a valid license to practice dentistry. Furthermore, the bill allows dentists using teledentistry to prescribe medications in compliance with all relevant federal and state laws. LLR indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact as it does not materially impact the operations of the agency.

This section of the impact statement has been updated to include a response from LLR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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State Expenditure

This bill provides for the Board of Dentistry to regulate the practice of teledentistry as defined in the bill as the practice of dentistry using electronic communications, information technology, or other means between a licensee in one location and a patient in another location, with or without an intervening practitioner. The bill provides additional definitions, restrictions, and patient rights relating to the practice of teledentistry. Dentists practicing teledentistry must hold an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in South Carolina, but the dentists need not reside in South Carolina. Dentists residing in South Carolina who intend to practice teledentistry outside of South Carolina are required to comply with other state licensing boards where the licensee holds a valid license to practice dentistry. Furthermore, the bill provides for dentists using teledentistry to prescribe medications in compliance with all relevant federal and state laws.

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

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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