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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 4867	Introduced on January 26, 2022
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Subject:	Narcotic Treatment Programs	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires narcotic treatment programs (NTP) to obtain a permit from the South Carolina Board of Pharmacy (board), which is under the administration of LLR, before dispensing methadone or other narcotic treatment. Further, it requires an NTP facility to retain a consultant pharmacist and establishes certain requirements pertaining to consultant pharmacists.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), nor the Department of Mental Health (DMH). DHEC and DAODAS anticipate that any additional responsibilities can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations. DMH is not impacted by this bill because its only related facility is an adult inpatient addiction treatment program under the Division of Inpatient Services and is not licensed by DHEC as an NTP.

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates his bill will have no local expenditure impact based on the responses received from Georgetown, Dorchester, and Saluda Counties.

This fiscal impact statement is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill requires NTPs to obtain a permit from the board, which is under the administration of LLR, before dispensing methadone or other narcotic treatments. Further, it requires an NTP facility to retain a consultant pharmacist and establishes certain requirements pertaining to consultant pharmacists.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC is responsible for the licensing and regulation of health care facilities and narcotic treatment programs, including NTPs, and the regulation of controlled substances. The agency indicates that the duties enumerated in the bill will be managed within its existing appropriations. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DHEC.

Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services. DAODAS is responsible for coordinating a statewide system of local substance abuse agencies that provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services. DAODAS indicates that the NTP currently funded by the agency has full time staffing of its programming and any new requirement would be administrative in nature and could be absorbed within current appropriations. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact to DAODAS.

Department of Mental Health. DMH operates the Morris Village Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Center, which is not licensed by DHEC. This bill only applies to NTPs licensed by DHEC. Therefore, this bill will have no expenditure impact for DMH.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. This bill requires the Board of Pharmacy, which is under the administration of LLR, to issue permits that allow a practitioner or practitioner's agent to dispense and/or administer methadone or other narcotic treatment medications in a narcotic treatment program. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

State Revenue

This bill requires the Board of Pharmacy, which is under the administration of LLR, to issue permits that allow a practitioner or practitioner's agent to dispense and/or administer methadone or other narcotic treatment medications in a narcotic treatment program. The revenue impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from LLR.

Local Expenditure

RFA contacted twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill and received three responses. The counties of Dorchester, Georgetown, and Saluda all responded that this bill would result in no expenditure impact. Based on these responses, RFA anticipates this bill will have no local expenditure impact.

Local Revenue

N/A



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