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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 3996	Introduced on February 13, 2025
Subject:	Anesthesiologist Assistants	
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
RFA Analyst(s):	Welsh	
Impact Date:	February 20, 2025	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill increases the number of anesthesiologists' assistants that an anesthesiologist may supervise from two to four. The bill also removes the requirement that an anesthesiologist assistant license applicant must appear before a member of the Board of Medical Examiners and present certain credentials and knowledge prior to receiving licensure.

This bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Medical Examiners. Increasing the number of anesthesiologist's assistants that an anesthesiologist may supervise can be managed within the normal course of business. Additionally, the removal of the requirement for certain academic credentials and knowledge to be presented to a member of the Board of Medical Examiners prior to licensure as an anesthesiologist assistant will have no cost savings on LLR or the Board of Medical Examiners as the review of these credentials and knowledge will be shifted to other areas of the program. For reference, there are currently ninety licensed anesthesiologist's assistants in South Carolina.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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LLR indicates that increasing the number of anesthesiologist's assistants that an anesthesiologist may supervise will have no expenditure impact on the department or the Board of Medical Examiners since this can be managed within the normal course of business. Additionally, LLR indicates that the removal of the requirement for certain academic credentials and knowledge to be presented to a member of the Board of Medical Examiners prior to licensure as an anesthesiologist assistant will have no cost savings on LLR or the Board of Medical Examiners as the review of these credentials and knowledge will be shifted to other areas of the program.

Therefore, this bill will have no fiscal impact on LLR or the Board of Medical Examiners. For reference, there are currently ninety licensed anesthesiologist's assistants in South Carolina.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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