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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 4067 Introduced on February 20, 2025
Subject: Hospital Emergency Departments
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: March 4, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

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.

The Department of Public Health (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 the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (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.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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