



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** S. 0146    Introduced on January 14, 2025  
**Subject:** Bill of Rights for Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities  
**Requestor:** Senate Medical Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Boggs  
**Impact Date:** January 14, 2025

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## Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill states that each resident of a long-term care facility may designate one person who is permitted to visit in the event that access to the facility is limited or prohibited due to a declared state of emergency arising from a disaster or public health emergency.

This bill will have minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) due to limited operational effect. DMH anticipates that any additional costs can be managed within existing appropriations.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) are continuing to analyze the impact of this bill. This fiscal impact is pending, contingent upon a response from these agencies.

## Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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#### State Expenditure

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#### State Revenue

N/A

#### Local Expenditure and Revenue

N/A

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