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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4487 Introduced on January 9, 2018  
**Author:** Henderson  
**Subject:** Scheduling of Controlled Substances  
**Requestor:** House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** A. Martin and Gardner  
**Impact Date:** January 30, 2018 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	(\$9,531)	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	\$0	\$0
<b>Local Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will decrease Other Fund expenditures by \$9,531 in FY 2018-19 and each year thereafter because the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will no longer be required to send certain notices by certified mail. The bill will have no impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on responses from DHEC and the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED).

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Updated for Additional Agency Response on January 30, 2018**

**State Expenditure**

This bill grants DHEC additional authority over scheduling controlled substances. Any person engaging in activities involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of any controlled substance must obtain an annual registration. The bill renders a registration immediately canceled if not renewed on or before April first of each year. The bill also repeals an obsolete section of law that details the transfer of DHEC agents engaged in the enforcement of laws or regulations relating to controlled or counterfeit substances from DHEC to SLED from 1971.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** This bill eliminates registration renewal grace periods. DHEC would no longer be required to send late notices by certified mail to registrants who fail to renew their annual registrations, thereby creating a savings. DHEC mailed 1,812 certified late notices in calendar year 2017 at a cost of \$5.26 per mailing. Based on these numbers, this bill would decrease Other Fund expenditures by \$9,531 in FY 2018-19 and each

year thereafter. This bill will have no impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from DHEC.

**State Law Enforcement Division.** As the division is not responsible for the scheduling of controlled substances, this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on a response from SLED.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A

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**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

**State Law Enforcement Division.** A determination of the bill's fiscal impact is pending, as the agency is still reviewing the bill.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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