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Bill Number: H. 3825 Introduced on January 31, 2019

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Subject: Health Care Decisions for Adults Unable to Make Such Decisions

Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

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Impact Date: February 7, 2019

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds, as the provisions of the bill do not materially or financially alter the responsibilities of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 31, 2019 State Expenditure

This bill modifies language related to persons who may make health care decisions for a patient who is unable to consent, by clarifying that a person given authority by another statutory provision is third in the order of priority when an agency has taken custody of the patient. When an agency has not taken custody of a patient, a person given authority by another statutory provision is tenth in order of priority. The bill updates related code section references for clarity.

The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs indicates that these changes to the list of authorized persons who may make health care decisions on behalf of an incapacitated patient do not materially alter the department's responsibilities. As such, the bill will have no impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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