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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H.3227	Introduced on January 12, 2021
<b>Author:</b>	Gilliard	
<b>Subject:</b>	Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities	
<b>Requestor:</b>	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Payne	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	January 27, 2021	

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** This bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Funds, Federal Funds, or Other Funds of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), as they will be able to enforce the provisions of this bill using existing resources.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

This bill amends the rights of residents of long-term care facilities by establishing the explicit right to communicate with persons of their choice through the use of videotelephone or other web-based video communication. This bill further stipulates that the necessary equipment for video communications shall be made easily accessible to residents by long-term care facilities.

**Department of Health and Environmental Control.** DHEC is responsible for enforcing the laws and regulations governing long-term care facilities. DHEC indicates that this bill does not materially alter the oversight or regulatory duties of the agency. Therefore, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Funds, Federal Funds, or Other Funds of the department.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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