

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACTS

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Bill Number: H. 4159 Introduced on March 15, 2023

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Subject: Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act

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

RFA Analyst(s): Wren

Impact Date: April 17, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill enacts the South Carolina Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act. The bill also provides definitions and specifies requirements for healthcare professionals who provide telehealth services. Further, the bill adds the definition of telehealth to the Medical Practice Act and revises requirements related to the practice of telemedicine.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR), the Board of Nursing, or the Board of Medical Examiners since the bill requires the agency and boards to perform activities that can be managed within the normal course of business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on March 15, 2023 State Expenditure

This bill enacts the South Carolina Telehealth and Telemedicine Modernization Act by adding Chapter 42 to Title 40 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The bill also provides definitions and specifies requirements for healthcare professionals who provide telehealth services. Further, the bill adds the definition of telehealth to the Medical Practice Act in Chapter 47, Title 40 and revises requirements related to the practice of telemedicine.

LLR indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency, Board or Nursing, or Board or Medical Examiners since it requires activities that can be managed within the normal course of business.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

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