

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

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H. 4333 Introduced on April 18, 2023 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: Mobile Optometry Units

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

RFA Analyst(s): Wren and Boggs Impact Date: February 9, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill permits mobile optometry units to operate during the summer at a site of an organization serving children from low-income communities if approved by the local community foundation serving the region. The bill further specifies that a licensed optometrist who is providing services through a mobile unit is not subject to disciplinary action on the sole basis that the licensed optometrist prescribed eyeglasses without dilating the patient's eyes at the aforementioned site.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, (LLR) does not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the agency or the Board of Examiners in Optometry since the bill does not alter the responsibilities of the agency or the board. LLR further indicates that any expenses to implement the bill can be managed within existing resources.

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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