



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

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Bill Number: H. 4799 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Certificate of Need
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: February 5, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill adds hospitals owned or operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) to the list of facilities exempt from needing to obtain a Certificate of Need (CON) from the Department of Public Health (DPH).

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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