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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0360 Introduced on February 19, 2025
Subject: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
Requestor: Senate Medical Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Welsh
Impact Date: August 29, 2025

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill removes the requirement for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) to practice under “approved written guidelines” developed with supervising physicians or dentists. This bill also eliminates references to these guidelines throughout relevant statutes and repeals a section of law requiring physician or dentist supervision of CRNAs. This bill further authorizes CRNAs to obtain prescriptive authority, outlines application and education requirements for doing so, and permits the prescription of certain controlled substances under defined conditions.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Public Health (DPH) as it anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Nursing as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities will be managed within existing appropriations.

This bill will result in an increase in fees collected by LLR. The overall Other Funds revenue impact on LLR is undetermined since the Board of Nursing is unable to determine how many applicants will apply for prescriptive authority. Fees for CRNAs seeking prescriptive authority will be the same as current fees for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) seeking prescriptive authority since CRNAs are regulated as a subset of APRNs. The fee for APRNs applying for prescriptive authority is \$20, and the renewal fee is \$145. For reference, there are currently 2,203 CRNAs licensed in South Carolina.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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This bill will have no expenditure impact on DPH as it anticipates any additional responsibilities can be managed within existing appropriations.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on LLR or the Board of Nursing as LLR anticipates any additional responsibilities will be managed within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

This bill will result in an increase in fees collected by LLR. The overall Other Funds revenue impact on LLR is undetermined since the Board of Nursing is unable to determine how many applicants will apply for prescriptive authority. Fees for CRNAs seeking prescriptive authority will be the same as current fees for APRNs seeking prescriptive authority since CRNAs are regulated as a subset of APRNs. The fee for APRNs applying for prescriptive authority is \$20, and the renewal fee is \$145. For reference, there are currently 2,203 CRNAs licensed in South Carolina.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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