



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

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**Bill Number:** S. 0378    Introduced on February 25, 2025  
**Subject:** Pharmacists  
**Requestor:** Senate Medical Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Welsh  
**Impact Date:** August 26, 2025

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## Fiscal Impact Summary

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

## 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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