



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4802 Introduced on January 31, 2018
Author: Ridgeway
Subject: Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
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Impact Date: March 13, 2018 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$98,362	\$92,132
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	1.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$98,362 in FY 2018-19, and \$92,132 each year thereafter for the addition of 1 FTE and the regulation of a new type of advance directive by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). This bill will have no impact on Federal Funds and Other Funds. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on responses from DHEC.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response

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State Expenditure

This bill establishes a Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) Advisory Council. Council members will serve without compensation, mileage, per diem, or subsistence.

The advisory council will be comprised mainly of members of the South Carolina Coalition for the Care of the Seriously Ill (SC CSI). SC CSI developed a POST pilot program that began on April 16, 2014 in Greenville and Charleston counties. SC CSI has developed a POST form designed for persons who are eighteen years or older and diagnosed with a life-limiting condition or advanced frailty. This bill will require DHEC to oversee the POST form and its future iterations. This will include collecting feedback from stakeholders to facilitate the periodic redesign of the form. DHEC will be required to display a printable sample of the POST form on the agency's public website or the public website of a designee. A sample of the current POST form may be found on the website for South Carolina POST.

This bill stipulates that a POST form executed in South Carolina, or a similar form legally executed in another jurisdiction, must be deemed a valid expression of a patient's wishes concerning health care. DHEC will be required to recommend a statewide, uniform process for identifying patients with either a POST form, an advance directive as defined in this bill, or a combination of both.

This bill will require DHEC to promulgate regulations pursuant to this chapter. The department will also be tasked with developing POST-related education efforts for health care professionals and the public.

DHEC reports that this bill will require the addition of 1 FTE. The new Program Coordinator II position will include such duties as overseeing the POST program, collecting stakeholder feedback, facilitating website publication, disseminating POST training and education materials, ensuring compliance, and developing and implementing the process to identify patients with POST and advance directive forms. Salary and fringe benefits for this position will total \$80,132. Non-recurring costs for work space and equipment associated with this position will total \$6,230. In addition, recurring operating costs directly associated with this position will total \$5,294. Indirect cost associated with the administration of this program will total \$6,706. As a result, this bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$98,362 in FY 2018-19, and \$92,132 each year thereafter. This bill will have no expenditure impact on Federal Funds or Other Funds. This fiscal impact statement has been updated based on responses from DHEC.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from DHEC.

State Revenue

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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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