

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3098**

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TO: The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairperson, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee

FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Notification to LTC Facility Prior to Voluntary Relocation by Patient

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3098 amends Section 44-81-40 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding paragraph (E) which requires residents of a long term care facility to give at least two weeks' advance written notice before voluntarily relocating to another facility or residence. The Bill provides that if a resident fails to give proper notification, the facility may charge the resident the equivalent of fourteen days occupancy; unless the facility is able to fill the bed vacated by the resident.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that this Bill would have no cost impact on the agency. Therefore, this Bill would have no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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