

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3103**

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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:	Transmission of Medical Records to Another Facility		

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3103 amends Chapter 115, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-115-35 relating to the transmission of medical records from a doctor to another facility. The Bill provides that a patient's medical records, along with a physician summary, may be transmitted by the patient's doctor to another facility (where the patient will be treated by a physician other than the patient's physician) on a form developed by the Department of Health & Environmental Control. The Bill further provides that the physician shall transmit the medical record and summary in a manner so as to maintain confidentiality.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Health & Environmental Control reports that the cost of developing, printing and distributing the required forms would be minimal and will be absorbed within the agency's available resources. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation 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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