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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4004 Signed by Governor on May 24, 2019  
**Author:** Clary  
**Subject:** Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) Act  
**Requestor:** House of Representatives  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** August 1, 2019

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill increases General Fund expenditures of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) by \$94,913, including \$5,829 in non-recurring expenses and \$89,084 in recurring expenses, in FY 2019-20 for the expense of hiring one additional FTE and for other operating expenses.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires DHEC to oversee the development of and maintain the Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) form, which must contain a specific set of information regarding a patient and his or her medical preferences. In addition, the agency must develop a process for identifying patients who have executed an advance directive, POST form, or a combination of both, and it must promulgate regulations in order to ensure compliance with the POST process.

DHEC indicates it will need \$94,913 in additional General Fund authorizations in FY 2019-20 for non-recurring expenses of \$5,829 and recurring expenses of \$89,084. The recurring expenditures are due to office supplies, standard contractual services, indirect costs, and the salary and fringe benefits of one additional FTE. The non-recurring expenditures are for supplies for the new position, including a desktop computer, monitor, and office furniture.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

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N/A

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