

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4024**

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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:	Licensed Midwife Act		

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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)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 4024 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to enact the "South Carolina Licensed Midwife Act" by adding Article 12 to Chapter 47, Title 40 so as to provide for the regulation of midwives, including necessary definitions, licensure by the Board of Professional Medical Examiners. The Bill also creates the Licensed Midwife Committee of Examiners, and provides for the duties, powers, composition, terms, and meetings of the Committee. The bill, also, provides for the grandfathering of midwives currently licensed by DHEC. Finally, the Bill amends Section 44-89-30, relating to definitions in the Birthing Center Licensure Act, so as to make conforming changes.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Bill transfers the regulation of midwives from the Department (DHEC) to the Board of Medical Examiners. The program is funded by certification fees. This Bill would have no impact on the State General Fund, but Other Fund revenue would be lost by DHEC.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

The Department estimates this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund, however there would be an Other Fund revenue increase.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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