

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4225**

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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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AUTHOR: Representative Jefferson PRIMARY CODE CITE: Joint Resolution

SUBJECT: Hospital Costs Disparity Committee

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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 4225 is a Joint Resolution to create the Hospital Costs Disparity Study Committee to study the extent to which hospitals charge different amounts for the same medical procedures billed to Medicare; and to determine the extent to which hospitals in this State charge Medicare at an amount higher than the national average. The Bill provides for the membership and duties of the committee and requires the Committee to prepare a report with findings and recommendations for the Governor and General Assembly.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Senate and House of Representatives

Both bodies indicated there would be no additional impact with the adoption of this Bill.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

DHHS estimates enactment of this Bill would have a minimal impact on the agency that could be absorbed within its current level of funding.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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