

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H4354, as Amended**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Representative Harrell PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-7-325
SUBJECT: Right of Patients Regarding Medical Records

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:

This Bill amends Section 44-11-30 of the South Carolina Code of Laws as to provide that a patient may receive a copy of one's medical records or have it transferred to another physician and additionally may elect to receive the record as either a photocopy or in an electronic format stored on digital medical. The Bill also amends Section 44-115-80 of the South Carolina Code of Laws so as to specify what fees may be charged by a physician to search for and for photocopies and for an electronic reproduction and provides for an exemption from fees for reproductions requested to satisfy a requirement of an insurer or governmental entity that provides benefits related to the medical needs of the patient.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health and Human Services

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Department of Mental Health

Department of Health and Environmental Control

Medical University of South Carolina

University of South Carolina

The Agencies indicate that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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