

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 5002**

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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:	Birth Centers Accreditation		

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:

House Bill 5002 amends Section 44-89-30 and Section 44-89-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the licensing of birth centers. The Bill requires all birth centers in the State become accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Birth Centers (or another comparable accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health & Environmental Control) before they can obtain a license from the Department. The Bill provides guidelines for obtaining and maintaining accreditation status.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds. All costs associated with the provisions of this Bill are borne by birthing centers seeking accreditation and midwives seeking to become certified.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:

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