

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 748**

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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: Senator Cleary PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-30-310
SUBJECT: Immunity from Liability for Providing Free Health Care Services

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:

Senate Bill 748 amends Chapter 30, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-30-310 which provides immunity from liability by declaring that if a state licensed health care provider informs his/her patient before treatment that the service will be provided free of charge, then those services are deemed to be within the scope of the Good Samaritan statute (Section 15-1-310). The Bill also establishes Sections 44-30-10 to 44-30-90 as Article 1 of Chapter 30 (entitled: Health Care Professional Compliance Act), and re-names Chapter 30 as "Health Care Professionals."

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.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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