

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 1035, as Amended**

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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:	Senator Davis	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	44-53-110
SUBJECT:	Medical Cannabis Therapeutic Treatment Research Act		

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:

The Senate Medical Affairs Committee Amendment to Senate Bill 1035 amends Chapter 53, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the use of controlled substances. The Amendment strikes the language of the original Bill and provides a numerical hierarchy for Section 44-53-110 (“definitions”); and adds that the definition of “marijuana” does “not include cannabidiol used in a clinical trial for the treatment of epilepsy pursuant to Article 18.” The Bill adds a new Article 18 to Chapter 53, Title 44 authorizing board certified physicians practicing in an academic medical center in this State to apply to the FDA for permission to participate in a statewide investigation of cannabidiol as a therapeutic agent for severe forms of epilepsy. The Bill provides guidelines and physician qualification criteria required for participation in this type of therapeutic trial.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Health & Environmental Control, the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS), the Office of the Attorney General, the Medical University of South Carolina and the University of South Carolina all report 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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