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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3443 As signed by the Governor on May 7, 2015
 Author: Long
 Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
 Date: June 15, 2015
 Subject: Prescriptive authority for optometrists
 RFA Analyst(s): Stein

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

House Bill 3443 amends Section 40-37-290 relating to the prescriptive authority of optometrists. The bill authorizes optometrists to continue to prescribe hydrocodone, which they had not been allowed to prescribe after the medication was reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II in October, 2014.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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