FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H.3731

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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: South Carolina Lay Midwife Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3731 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to enact the "South Carolina Lay Midwife Act" by adding Article 12 to Chapter 47, Title 40 so as to provide for the licensure of lay midwives. The Bill also amends Section 44-89-30, relating to definitions in the Birthing Center Licensure Act, so as to redefine the term "Lay Midwife" and make conforming changes.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation estimates this Bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on the agency's Other Funds. All costs can be absorbed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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None.

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