

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3983**

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TO: The Honorable W. Brian White, Chairperson, House Ways and Means Committee
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SUBJECT: SC Rural County Access to Emergency Health Care

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 3983 amends Chapter 7, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 29 which creates the SC Rural County Access to Emergency Health Care. The Bill allows the re-opening of closed rural hospitals as freestanding emergency health care facilities without having to obtain a Certificate of Need. The Bill requires the hospital's board to notify the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) of its intention to reopen and provide DHEC with a reopening plan. The Bill also requires DHEC to inspect the facility prior to opening, and if any portion of the hospital is not in compliance with life safety standards, DHEC shall specify a time within which violations must be corrected.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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