

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4731**

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TO: The Honorable William E. "Bill" Sandifer, III, Chairperson, House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee

FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board

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SUBJECT: Public Service Commission

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 4731 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 58-9-2515 so as to clarify the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission over certain providers with respect to telephone service for hearing and speech impaired people. The Bill also adds Section 58-9-2535 so as to provide for the manner of assessment and collection of dual party relay charges by local exchange providers, commercial mobile radio service providers, prepaid wireless service providers, and voice over internet protocol service providers. The Bill serves to amend Section 58-9-2510, as amended, relating to definitions concerning telephone service for hearing and speech impaired people. The Bill also amends 58-9-2530, as amended relating to the operating fund for a system of dual party relay devices and related telecommunications devices so as to impose certain related surcharges on local exchange providers. Finally, the Bill repeals Section 58-9-2540 relating to an advisory committee to monitor statewide telecommunications relay access service.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Public Service Commission

Office of Regulatory Staff

The agencies estimate this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

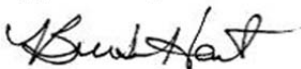
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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