

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.4899**

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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:	Representative Burns	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	40-67-298
SUBJECT:	Speech Pathologists and Audiologists		

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 4899 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 by adding Section 40-67-298 so as to provide that licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists only may provide speech-language pathology services or audiology services by means of telepractice as provided by the Board through regulation. The Bill amends Section 40-67-20, relating to definitions in the Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists Act, so as to add, revise, and delete definitions. The Bill also amends Section 40-67-50, relating to licensure fees, so as to add, revise, and delete fees. Finally, the Bill amends Sections 40-67-220, 40-67-260, and 40-67-280 relating to licensure requirements and annual audits of licensure records.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation estimates 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:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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