

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 5154**

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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: Birthing Centers

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 5154 amends Section 44-89-30(1) and (5) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to definitions in regard to the licensing of birthing centers. The Bill amends “birthing center” to include the term “birth center” and replaces “lay midwife” with “licensed midwife.” The Bill also amends Section 44-89-60(3) which currently provides that a physician must be on call and available to provide medical assistance to the birthing center, by allowing that a physician must be available to provide “consultation” to the birthing center at times that it is serving the public.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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