

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 341**

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TO: The Honorable Harvey S. Peeler, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Medical Affairs Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Alexander PRIMARY CODE CITE: 44-37-70
SUBJECT: Pulse Oximetry Screenings on newborns – Emerson Rose Act

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:

Senate Bill 341 amends Chapter 37, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-37-70 which requires each birthing facility in the State to perform a pulse oximetry screening on every newborn when the baby is 24 to 48 hours of age (or as close to the hour of discharge if the baby is being discharged in less than 24 hours after birth) as a condition of licensure. The Bill also requires the Department of Health & Environmental Control to promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this Bill.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that the additional licensing inspection requirement will be absorbed by the staff and the current budget. The provisions of the Bill will have no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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