

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.448**

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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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SUBJECT:	Physician Assistant		

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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)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 448 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 40-47-938 so as to provide circumstances in which a physician may enter a supervisory relationship with a physician assistant. The Bill also amends Section 40-47-910, relating to definitions in the Physician's Assistant Practice Act, so as to add and revise certain definitions. Additionally, the Bill amends Sections relating to applications for licensure, off-site setting requirements, prescribing of controlled substances, and on-the-job training. Finally, the Bill amends Section 40-47-995, relating to the termination of a supervisory relationship between a physician and a physician assistant, so as to provide that upon this termination the practice of the physician assistant must cease until new scope of practice guidelines are submitted by a new supervising physician to the Board.

**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:**

None.

Approved by:



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