

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.886**

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TO:	The Honorable Robert W. "Wes" Hayes, Jr., Chairperson, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Department of Insurance		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 886 amends Chapter 5, Title 38 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to transacting insurance business, by adding Section 38-5-15, to provide that the Department of Insurance shall authorize out-of-state insurers to offer health insurance policies in South Carolina. The Bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Insurance to conduct market and solvency examinations of out-of-state insurers seeking to offer plans in South Carolina.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The South Carolina Department of Insurance estimates this Bill will have minimal cost to the agency. Specifically, time and cost to understand the rules and regulations of other states as well as a possible increase in staffing capacity to meet the additional out-of-state examinations.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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