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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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| <b>Bill Number:</b>    | H. 3349                  | Signed by Governor on May 10, 2017 |
| <b>Author:</b>         | Erickson                 |                                    |
| <b>Subject:</b>        | Nurse Licensure Compact  |                                    |
| <b>Requestor:</b>      | House of Representatives |                                    |
| <b>RFA Analyst(s):</b> | Stein and Kokolis        |                                    |
| <b>Impact Date:</b>    | December 29, 2017        |                                    |

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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

|                                  | <b>FY 2017-18</b> | <b>FY 2018-19</b> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>State Expenditure</b>         |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| Full-Time Equivalent Position(s) | 0.00              | 0.00              |
| <b>State Revenue</b>             |                   |                   |
| General Fund                     | \$0               | \$0               |
| Other and Federal                | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Expenditure</b>         | \$0               | \$0               |
| <b>Local Revenue</b>             | \$0               | \$0               |

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds because the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) currently administers the program, and the changes to the compact do not significantly change LLR's existing licensing process or responsibilities as a compact member.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Expenditure**

This bill replaces the current RN/LPN Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) with the new RN/LPN enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC). South Carolina is presently a member of the NLC compact. LLR administers the existing program in South Carolina. The eNLC requires compact states to impose new requirements on nurses in order to obtain or retain a multistate license, and requires compact states to implement procedures for considering nurse applicants' criminal history. South Carolina already meets some of the new requirements. The interstate compact allows nurses to have multistate privileges when the state in which they are licensed is a member of the compact. The compact allows for portability of the nurse to meet the needs of patients in many states and decreases the potential for more than one licensing fee for the nurse.

**Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation.** The department indicates this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds due to the revision of the compact to reflect changes mandated for membership. The department currently pays the

NLC compact \$6,000 annually and anticipates the same fee for membership in the eNLC. LLR staff currently administers the program and will not need additional resources.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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