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Bill Number: H. 4303 Introduced on April 6, 2023
Author: Caskey
Subject: Rabies Control Act
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Wren
Impact Date: January 18, 2024

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows a certified vaccine technician to administer rabies inoculations pursuant to the provisions of Section 40-69-20. The bill also specifies that a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not necessary for the administration of vaccines that are approved by the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture as long as the individual administering the rabies vaccine is a licensed veterinarian, is under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, or is a certified vaccine technician.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) or the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners since any expenses to implement the provisions of the bill can be managed within existing resources.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC since any expenses to update forms to conform to the provisions of the bill can be managed within the normal course of business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on April 6, 2023

State Expenditure

This bill allows a certified vaccine technician to administer rabies inoculations when supervised by a veterinarian licensed to practice in this state. A certified vaccine technician is defined as a person who is trained and certified in a vaccine administration training class taught by a licensed South Carolina veterinarian or taught by an individual or entity approved by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Additionally, the bill requires a physician to report to the county health department the date of birth, among other information, of a person who is bitten by a pet or other animal. Further, the bill specifies that a veterinarian-client-patient relationship is not necessary for the administration of vaccines that are approved by DHEC and licensed by the United States Department of Agriculture as long as the individual administering the rabies vaccine is a licensed veterinarian, is under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, or is a certified vaccine technician.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. LLR indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency or the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners since any expenses to implement the provisions of the bill can be managed within existing resources.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. DHEC indicates that this bill will have no expenditure impact on the agency since any expenses to update forms can be managed within the normal course of business.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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