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TO: Honorable John T. Smithee, Chair, House Committee on Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3867 by Smithee (Relating to unconscionable prices charged by certain health care facilities for medical care.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Business and Commerce Code to make it a false, misleading, or deceptive practice for an emergency facility to charge an unconscionable price for care at the facility. The bill would allow the Attorney General to bring an action to enforce this provision.

Based on the analysis of the Department of State Health Services, Health and Human Services Commission, and Office of the Attorney General, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 537 State Health Services, Department of

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