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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3343
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 Subject: Euthanasia of shelter animals
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

The agencies contacted and the local governments that responded to our survey indicate that this bill would have no impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds because they either do not perform euthanasia or they already follow the bill's prescribed method. Any expenditure impact would be borne by any local governments that do not already employ the methods prescribed in the bill.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

House Bill 3343 amends Section 47-3-420 of the SC Code of Laws dealing with animal euthanasia and tranquilization of quarantined or impounded animals. The bill prohibits the use of barbituric acid derivatives and carbon monoxide, and prescribes the humane usage of pentobarbital derivatives. The bill provides guidelines for humane killing and specifies conditions under which alternative methods would be allowed.

The Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Health & Environmental Control indicate that this bill is not expected to have any expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The statutes regulating how euthanasia is to be performed primarily impact local animal shelters.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of SC and twelve county governments. We received one municipal response and two county responses. The City of Greenville indicates this bill will have no impact as the City does not perform euthanasia. Florence County previously changed its method of euthanasia and uses the method introduced in this bill. Richland County does not perform euthanasia. Therefore, both counties indicate this bill will have no impact on county governments. Additional county and municipal responses are pending.

Local Revenue

N/A



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