



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S.0199
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 Requestor: House Education and Public Works
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 Subject: Peanut's Law
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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	Undeterminable	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	Undeterminable	N/A
Local Expenditure	Undeterminable	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

There will be no impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. There will be an increase in revenue for the Department of Public Safety because of the higher fines, but the amount cannot be determined nor can the corresponding Other Fund expenditures on work zone enforcement, training and research programs. This bill will have minimal impact on municipal governments. Due to the limited number of responding counties, our office cannot determine the impact on county governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill deletes the provisions of Section 56-5-1535 relating to speeding in work zones, defines highway work zone and highway worker, and repeals Section 56-5-1536 relating to penalties for unlawful driving in a temporary work zone. The bill also creates the offense of endangerment of a highway worker and provides penalties for the offense

The Judicial Department. The department indicates that there is no data available to estimate the number of new cases which would be generated at the General Sessions Court level. However, if any additional hearings or trials would be held in General Sessions court as a result of this legislation, it is anticipated that the Judicial Department would absorb this cost. It is also anticipated that the passage of the bill could impact the General Sessions court docket if additional hearings and trials are held.

The Department of Motor Vehicles. DMV states they see minimal impact to their agency and any additional costs can be absorbed. Their costs would include programming changes to the driver's license points system.

The Department of Transportation. DOT does not anticipate an expenditure impact resulting from this bill.

The Department of Public Service. The department states that the bill directs that a new fund be established for work zone enforcement, trainings, and research programs. The fund balance would be dependent on the number of tickets for the violations and vary by the severity of the offense. This would result in increased revenue for DPS as well as an increase in expenses to Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina and twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Responses were received from the Municipal Association and Richland County. The Municipal Association indicates this bill will have minimal impact on municipal governments. Richland County reports this bill would have no impact on the county. Due to the limited number of county responses, our office cannot determine the impact on county governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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