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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0176 Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject: Aerial Vehicle
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

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

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. As this bill establishes a new offense, the revenue impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill prohibits the operation of an unmanned aerial vehicle within a horizontal distance of 500 feet or a vertical distance of 250 feet from any Department of Corrections facility without written consent from the director of the Department of Corrections. A person convicted of violating this provision is guilty of a misdemeanor offense and is subject to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or imprisonment for no more than thirty days, or both.

Department of Corrections. Any enforcement of this bill by the Department of Corrections will be handled by the agency’s existing law enforcement officers and not result in additional expenditure.

State Law Enforcement Division. Any enforcement of this bill by the the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division will be handled by the agency’s existing personnel and not result in additional expenditure.

Judicial Department. This bill may result in an increase in court proceedings and time to dispose of cases, but it is not expected to increase expenditures.

State Revenue

Because the bill creates a new misdemeanor for which there is no historical data, the revenue impact on the General Fund and Other Funds is undetermined. Existing law distributes revenue generated as assessments and surcharges imposed on such convictions among the General Fund, specified state agencies and programs, and the local jurisdiction in which judgment is rendered.

Local Expenditure

Because the bill creates a new criminal offense, data is not available to project a change in law enforcement activity or detention in local facilities. However, any increase resulting specifically from this bill is expected to be managed within existing resources.

Local Revenue

Because the bill creates a new misdemeanor for which there is no historical data, the revenue impact on local government is undetermined. Existing law provides for the retention of part or all of the revenue generated from fines, assessments, and surcharges by the local jurisdiction processing the case.



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