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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S. 0397	Amended by the Senate on February 28, 2019
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Subject:	Municipal Police Officer Authority	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Mitchell	
Impact Date:	March 15, 2019 Updated for Additional Agency Response	

Fiscal Impact Summary

The bill provides that a county sheriff has the same power as a constable to enforce provisions related to the consumption of alcohol, in cases arising within county and municipal limits. Local governments indicate that the bill will have no expenditure impact on sheriff's offices and police departments. This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from local governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response on March 15, 2019

Amended by the Senate on February 28, 2019

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The bill provides that a county sheriff has the same power as a constable to enforce provisions related to the consumption of alcohol, except those related to the consumption of alcohol in a public conveyance, in cases arising within county and municipal limits. When in fresh and continuous pursuit of a suspect for violations of these provisions occurring within county limits, police officers may follow and arrest the suspect anywhere in the state.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office surveyed forty-six county governments and the South Carolina Municipal Association (MASC) regarding the expenditure impact of the bill. Horry, Florence, Lancaster, and Lexington Counties indicated that the bill would not result in additional expenditures for the sheriff's office or police department. The MASC indicated there would be no expenditure impact. Based on the responses received, RFA anticipates there would be no expenditure impact to counties and municipalities as a result of this bill.

This fiscal impact has been updated to include a response from local governments.

Local Revenue

N/A

Introduced on January 22, 2019

State Expenditure

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The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the Department of Revenue.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The local expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from local governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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