

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3735, as Amended**

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TO:	The Honorable George E. "Chip" Campsen, Chairperson, Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Open Season on Black Sea Bass		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3735, as amended, amends Section 50-5-2730 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by exempting Black Sea Bass from the federal fishery regulations that the State has adopted. The Bill sets per person and per day size and catch limits and declares that there is no closed season on the catching of Black Sea Bass.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that conservation officers routinely perform creel checks as part of their duties. The increased responsibility added by this Bill would be incorporated into those duties. This Bill would have no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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