

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 223**

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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

ANALYSTS: R.J. Stein

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AUTHOR: Senator Campsen PRIMARY CODE CITE: 50-11-108

SUBJECT: Killing Animals in Self-Defense

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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)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

Senate Bill 223 amends Chapter 11, Title 50 by adding Section 50-11-108 which allows a person to kill an animal for the purpose of self-defense, defense of another person or defense of domestic animals. The Bill requires that any person who kills a big game animal or alligator for defensive purposes must report the incident and surrender the carcass to the Department of Natural Resources. A violation of this Section is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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