

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.375**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Hutto PRIMARY CODE CITE: 6-38-10
SUBJECT: Dilapidated Buildings Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 375 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, to enact the Dilapidated Buildings Act. This legislation enacts the "Dilapidated Buildings Act", which allows a municipality to bring a cause of action against the owner of property not in substantial compliance with one or more municipal codes regarding: (1) prevention of substantial risk of injury to a person; (2) condition of the property constitutes an imminent danger to the public health or safety; or (3) public nuisance, building code, or sanitary code. The Bill also identifies who may serve as a court-appointed receiver for property subject to this cause of action, and it designates the powers of a court-appointed receiver. Finally, the Bill establishes reporting requirements of the municipality concerning a violation against which the municipality may bring a cause of action under this legislation.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department indicates that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76, the State Budget Division surveyed municipalities to assess the impact of this Bill. Respondents indicated there would be no fiscal impact on municipalities.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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