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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0456 Signed by Governor on February 5, 2018
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Subject: Beginner’s Permits for Motorcyclists
Requestor: Senate
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Impact Date: May 9, 2018

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2018-19	FY 2019-20
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$6,000	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase non-recurring General Fund expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles by \$6,000 to update the agency’s computer software to recognize and record information for a driver that fails to satisfactorily complete the motorcycle driver’s license test three or more times. The bill may increase Other Funds revenue of technical colleges by an undetermined amount for additional individuals taking a motorcycle driving course as a result of this bill.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill relates to motorcycle beginner’s permits and provides that a person who has failed the motorcycle driver’s license test three or more times must successfully complete a South Carolina Technical College motorcycle safety course or its equivalent in order to obtain a motorcycle license. Such courses must be at least eight hours in length and be administered by an accredited instructor. The license applicant must also successfully complete an examination equivalent to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) motorcycle skills test. The bill also provides that any driver possessing a Class M (motorcycle) endorsement who has accumulated points for violations may have the number of his points reduced by four upon providing satisfactory evidence to the DMV that he has successfully completed a South Carolina Technical College motorcycle safety course or its equivalent. Such courses must be at least eight hours in length and be administered by an accredited instructor. No person’s points may be reduced more than one time per three-year period.

Department of Public Safety. As this bill does not add to the duties of the department, the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency indicates that non-recurring expenses for this bill will total \$6,000 to update the agency's computer software to recognize and record information for a driver that fails to satisfactorily complete the motorcycle driver's license test three or more times.

State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education. The agency reports that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds because they already have existing facility space that will be used to administer the motorcycle class. In addition, class tuition and fees paid by the participants will be utilized to offset any costs associated with obtaining a trained instructor.

State Revenue

The bill may increase Other Funds revenue of the technical colleges if additional individuals take a driving course as a result of failing to pass the motorcycle driving test or to have driver's license points reduced. Courses offered range in price around \$239 to \$259. The impact on revenue will depend on the number of individuals who take a driving course as a result of this bill and is undetermined.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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