

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 560**

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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 L. Martin PRIMARY CODE CITE: 58-15-870
SUBJECT: Injury to railroads or railway materials

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 560 amends Section 58-15-870 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to railroads and railway materials. The Bill provides tiers of penalties for anyone who willfully and maliciously defaces or injures anything related to a railroad or railway material. The Bill also adds Section 58-15-875 which declares it unlawful to purchase, sell or transport railroad track material, but provides exemptions and penalties for first, second and third offenses.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department and the Department of Corrections indicate that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the both agencies can absorb at their current level of funding.

Department of Commerce (SC Railways Commission)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this or any other Bill.

Approved by:



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