

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 584**

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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:	Hunting and Fishing licenses		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

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

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to Federal and/or Other Funds

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 584 amends various sections of Chapter 9, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to hunting and fishing license guidelines primarily by clarifying language and making technical corrections. However, the Bill also allows licenses to expire on the anniversary of issue, eliminates the County Hunting License/fee, eliminates the Lakes & Reservoir Permit/fee and diverts \$165,000 from the County Game & Fish Fund to the operation of freshwater fish hatcheries.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that most of the provisions of this Bill will have no impact on agency operations; however, some of the provisions do impact the agency's revenue streams. It is not possible, at this time, to estimate the loss (or increase) of Department revenue resulting from the fee changes proposed by this Bill. But since this Bill impacts only on revenues retained and expended by the Department, there would be no impact on the State General Fund.

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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