

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 714**

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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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AUTHOR:	Senator Hutto	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	50-15-10
SUBJECT:	Captive Alligator Propagation Act		

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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 714 amends Chapter 15, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by changing the name of the Chapter from Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act to "Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Species." The Bill deletes Section 50-15-65 relating to wild alligator control and establishes Article 3 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to regulate alligator harvesting and propagation of captive populations, sale and transport. The Bill authorizes the Department to collect an annual permit / application fee of \$100. The Bill provides guidelines for inventory control, shipment and penalties for violations.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State. There may be additional staff time associated with administering this new program (depending upon the level of participation), but at this time the cost is assumed to be minimal. Permit fees would be retained by the Department.

**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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