

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 788**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Noneconomic Damages Limit		

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 788 amends Section 15-32-220 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as it relates to Noneconomic Damages Limit by providing for personal injury actions against defendants and it also makes technical adjustments to Chapter 32, title 15 by adding several new sections dealing with claims of punitive damages and the limits and limiting the liability of landowners.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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