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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3440 As amended by the House Education and Public Works
 Committee on May 28, 2015

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 Subject: Mopeds
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	\$50,000 to \$75,000	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	\$50,000 to \$75,000	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles indicates this bill is expected to increase Other Fund expenditures by \$50,000 to \$75,000 in FY 2015-16 which the agency will offset from revenue derived from a new registration fee of no more than \$10 per moped.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Explanation of Amendment (May 28, 2015) – By the House Education and Public Works Committee

State Expenditure

This amendment affects owners and operators of mopeds by requiring mopeds to be registered and operators to possess a valid moped or driver’s license and carry liability insurance. Further, it prohibits the operation of mopeds on public roads with speed limits greater than 55 miles an hour and deems it unlawful to operate a moped at a speed exceeding 35 miles an hour. The bill also establishes age requirements for licensure, prohibits moped licensure for people whose driver’s licenses have been suspended, and prohibits operation of a moped by a driver whose license is suspended.

South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. This amendment requires the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to develop a registration and fee system for mopeds. The DMV anticipates 5,000 to 7,500 mopeds will be registered at a fee rate of no more than \$10 per

moped. The estimated \$50,000 to \$75,000 generated from registration fees will be used to defray program and maintenance costs associated with registering mopeds.

State Revenue

Section 12 of the amendment requires that a moped operated on a public road or highway must be insured subject to the same insurance requirements applicable to a private passenger vehicle. Given the changes in moped operations, registrations, and insurance requirements contained in this amendment, we are unable to determine the amount of insurance premium taxes, if any, that may be deposited to the credit of the General Fund.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

Explanation of bill filed January 28, 2015

State Expenditure

This bill provides that a moped must be registered, carry liability insurance, and may not be operated on a public road that has a speed limit greater than 35 miles an hour. It also provides that a person whose driver's license has been suspended may not be issued a moped operator's license or allowed to operate a moped during his period of suspension.

The Department of Motor Vehicles expects the expenditure impact of this bill to be minimal. Reprogramming costs are expected but can be absorbed by the agency's Other Funds.



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