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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 3545 As amended by the House of Representatives on March 24, 2015
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 Subject: Arson
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	Minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	Minimal	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	N/A	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will have minimal impact on the General Fund and Other Funds. This bill will have no impact on Federal Funds. Any additional costs would be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill specifically includes personal property and certain other buildings or property, such as churches, municipal buildings, ships and railway cars, within the purview of the first, second and third degree arson statutes. These offenses are heard in General Sessions court.

During fiscal year 2013-2014, there were 205 charges and 101 convictions for arson in the first, second or third degree in South Carolina state courts. There is no data available which would allow the Judicial Department to determine how many additional charges, if any, would be brought as a result of the proposed bill. However, if any additional hearings or trials would be held in General Sessions court as a result of this legislation, it is anticipated the Judicial Department would absorb this cost. It is also anticipated that the passage of this bill could impact the General Sessions court docket if additional hearings and trials are held. This bill will have minimal impact on the General Fund and Other Funds. This bill will have no impact on Federal Funds. Any additional costs would be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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