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Bill Number: H. 3547 Introduced on January 12, 2021

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Subject: Fort Watson Memorial Requestor: House Ways and Means

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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill repeals Chapter 9, Title 51, relating to the Fort Watson Memorial, as well as §5-3-90 and §5-3-100, which designate the last week of August as "Family Week in South Carolina" and create a committee to choose the "South Carolina Family of the Year", respectively. These sections require the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) to maintain the Fort Watson Memorial, promote "Family Week in South Carolina, and fund the committee's expenses with monies appropriated by the General Assembly. This bill will not have an expenditure impact on PRT as the memorial is maintained by the Santee National Refuge, the committee no longer meets, and "Family Week" is not celebrated as a specified week.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill repeals Chapter 9, Title 51, which required PRT to acquire specified land and designate it as the "Fort Watson Memorial" site. This section currently requires PRT to maintain the area. This bill further repeals §5-3-90 and §5-3-100, which designated the last week of August as "Family Week in South Carolina" and created a committee to choose the "South Carolina Family of the Year", respectively. These sections require PRT to promote the celebration of Family Week and fund the aforementioned committee with monies appropriated for this purpose.

PRT indicates this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the agency. The Fort Watson Memorial is maintained by the Santee National Refuge, and funds are currently not appropriated nor expended by PRT to promote Family Week or fund the committee as Family Week is not celebrated as a specified week and the committee no longer meets. As such, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure & Local Revenue

N/A

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