

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 4543, as Amended**

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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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SUBJECT: Blue catfish

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)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 4543, as amended, amends Section 50-13-640 and Section 50-9-1120 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to catch limits for blue catfish. The Bill decreases the maximum length of a blue catfish that may be taken in certain bodies of water and provides a penalty of 14 points for individuals possessing more than the legal creel or size limit of blue catfish.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that this Bill will have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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