

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 115**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Bright PRIMARY CODE CITE: 16-23-20
SUBJECT: Constitutional Carry Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 115 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by enacting the “South Carolina Constitutional Carry Act of 2013”. The Bill will amend various Sections of Law dealing with the ability to carry a firearm on premises where there is a sign which either allows or prohibits that carrying of a handgun by an individual.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

SLED indicates that this Bill will require the agency request General Funds to support the functions that the agency currently performs with the use of revenue generated by the Concealed Weapons Permits. This Bill would eliminate the requirements of the CWP in order to carry a firearm in South Carolina and thus reduce a revenue stream that the agency relies upon to fund programs throughout the entire agency. The agency estimates that their request for recurring General Fund appropriation would be \$2,315,880. That total consists of \$304,031 in Personal Service/Fringe for 4.55 State FTE’s and additional temporary positions, and \$2,011,849 in other operating expenses.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this Bill.

Approved by:



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