

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 121**

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TO:	The Honorable Daniel B. "Danny" Verdin, III, Chairperson, Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee		
FROM:	State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Emergency coastal zone property protection permits		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 121 amends Chapter 39, Title 48 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 by adding Section 48-39-370 which establishes a new coastal zone emergency permitting program under the Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC). The Bill authorizes DHEC to issue permits (within 5 days) to shoreline homeowners in jeopardy of coastal waters coming to within 10 feet or less of their dwelling to do what is necessary to protect their property. The Bill provides guidelines for the application process, deadlines for issuing permits and alternatives in seeking permission. The Bill declares that the property owner is responsible for all costs associated with protecting the property, and that DHEC may promulgate regulations and charge permit fees necessary to administer the program.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

The Department reports that to process permit applications, inspect properties, develop mitigation plans, etc. within a 5 day period for any and all applicants would require two additional Environmental Health Managers. The estimated first year cost is \$147,200 (including \$105,676 in annual recurring costs such as salaries, fringe and operating expenses and \$41,524 for the one-time cost of two vehicles dedicated to coastal investigations).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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