

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 244**

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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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AUTHOR:	Senator McGill	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	50-1-940
SUBJECT:	Repeal Bird/Game Refuge Status on Baruch Property in Georgetown		

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:

Senate Bill 244 amends Chapter 11, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, at the request of the Belle W. Baruch Foundation, by repealing Sections 50-11-940 and -941. This Bill would eliminate the bird and game refuge designation of the property allowing the Foundation to use hunting leases as a management tool and revenue source. Repeal of those two Sections would also provide an opportunity to create jobs in the area. Also, the current law creates increased liability problems for the Foundation.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that this Bill would have no impact on agency operations, but may result in the sale of additional hunting licenses.

University of South Carolina

The University, which operates a zoological research center on the property, reports that this Bill is not expected to have any impact on the agency's current activities.

Clemson University

Clemson, which operates a forestry program on the Baruch property, reports that this Bill is not expected to have any negative impact on the University's current activities.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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

Approved by:



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