

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 273**

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TO:	The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Assault and Battery Offenses		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 273 amends Section 16-3-600 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by redefining the term, "Moderate Bodily Injury" and including injury to another person when the act is accomplished by the use of a deadly weapon in the purview of the offenses of Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated nature and Assault and Battery in the First Degree.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Corrections

The Department indicates this Bill will have a fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State due to the increased length of time that an individual, who may be charged with this new amended offense may serve. Currently the offense of Assault and Battery 3rd Degree is 30 days incarceration, but with the new offense the sentence for the same offense could be up to 3 years. Due to the lack of empirical data, the agency is unable to provide an accurate cost to the State of this Bill.

Other Agencies

The Judicial Department and the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services indicate that this Bill will have no fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

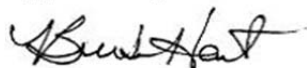
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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