

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 306**

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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 Campsen	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	50-1-130
SUBJECT:	Title 50 (hunting/fishing) misdemeanors		

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 306 amends Section 50-1-130 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to misdemeanor violations of Title 50 hunting and fishing laws. The Bill increases the maximum fine from \$200 to \$500 and declares that Magistrate courts have original and concurrent jurisdiction over such misdemeanor offenses.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department's General Counsel estimates that 98% of current DNR cases are already handled by Magistrate's Courts. The Department reports that this Bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the State Budget Division has surveyed members of the FIST Network. The responses will be forwarded upon receipt.

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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