

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 573**

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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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SUBJECT: Reduced combo and fishing license fee for disabled veterans

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 573 amends Section 50-9-525(A) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to free 3-year disability hunting/fishing licenses for totally disabled residents. The Bill would allow partially disabled veterans (50% or more disabled as determined by the "Veterans Administration") to pay only \$10.00 for either a 3-year disability combination or 3-year disability fishing license.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that the agency does not record the number of disabled veterans that purchase hunting or fishing licenses. The Department is not able to estimate the annual loss of revenue that is certain to result from the provisions of this Bill. In response to this revenue loss, hunting and fishing management program services may have to be reduced unless the General Assembly increases the agency's State General Fund appropriation.

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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