

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 865**

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TO: The Honorable Larry A. Martin, Chairperson, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: State Budget Division, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator L. Martin PRIMARY CODE CITE: 58-23-810
SUBJECT: CDL Driver Employment Protection Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

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

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 865 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Article 8 to Chapter 23 of Title 58 which establishes the CDL Driver Employment Protection Act. This Bill provides that Civil Liability Claims made against an employer of an individual who holds a valid CDL based on any theory of negligent hiring, training, retention or entrustment must be considered in the second phase of a bifurcated trial, pursuant to Section 15-32-520(E).

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Judicial Department

The Department reports that this Bill will have a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which the agency can absorb at their current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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