FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. S. 913

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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: Falconry permitting and regulation

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 913 amends Chapter 9 and Chapter 11, Title 50 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 50-9-675 and Section 50-11-600 relating to hunting and fishing licenses. The Bill provides for the regulation of falconry, including the requirement of a falconry permit and provisions for penalties for violations.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Natural Resources

The Department reports that this Bill is expected to require the processing of approximately thirty falconry permits annually. The additional workload would be absorbed within the agency's available resources. Permit fees are retained by the Department. There is no impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

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

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