## **Statement of Estimated Local Revenue Impact**

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## **Bill Summary**

A bill to amend Section 12-37-2725, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to cancellation of a license plate and registration certificate when a vehicle owner moves out of state and the prorated property tax refund due on that cancellation, so as to allow the appropriate receipt issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to substitute for the actual license plate and certificate; to amend Section 12-39-220, relating to the discovery of untaxed property for purposes of property taxes, so as to provide the duties of the assessor with respect to this property; and to amend Section 12-54-85, as amended, relating to the time limits applicable for assessing delinquent taxes, so as to make a conforming amendment.

## **REVENUE IMPACT 1/**

This bill as amended is not expected to impact State revenues. The impact, if any, on local revenues is expected to be a reduction of less than \$100,000 statewide due to simplification of the refund process.

## **Explanation of the Bill**

Section 1 allows form 5051 issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles to substitute for the license plate and registration certificate when applying for a prorated property tax refund on a car when the owner moves out of State.

Section 2 pertains to duties of the county assessor and auditor when untaxed property is discovered for purposes of property taxation.

Section 3 relates to the time limits for assessing delinquent taxes to conform to the language of the changes made to Section 12-39-220 in section 2 of this bill.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>117</sup> This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA, or Section 2-7-76 for a local revenue impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by the Office of Economic Research.