

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Committee Requesting Impact: Senate Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry

Bill Summary

A Bill to amend Chapter 15, Title 50, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act, so as to rename this chapter "Nongame and Endangered Species", to designate the chapter's existing sections as "Article 1 Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Species", to delete the section that regulates alligator hunting, control, and management, and to add Article 3 to this chapter which is entitled "The South Carolina Captive Alligator Propagation Act" which allows the Department of Natural Resources to regulate the business of propagating alligators for commercial purposes and the hunting, control, and management of alligators.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill is expected to increase funds of the Fish and Wildlife Protection Fund of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) by \$400 in FY2014-15. We expect no impact on General Fund or local revenues.

Explanation

This bill proposes to add Article 3 of Chapter 15, Title 50, which allows alligator propagation facilities for commercial purposes. As proposed, there is a nonrefundable application fee of \$100. Once the application is approved, there is an additional \$100 annual alligator propagator permit fee. Additionally, any person applying for an alligator propagator permit must secure a bond in the amount of twenty thousand dollars and must name SCDNR as beneficiary. In the event the permit is revoked, or the facility is closed, abandoned, or destroyed, SCDNR may use the proceeds of the bond to clean up and close the facility. Additionally, fines and fees associated with various violations of this proposed bill are addressed in Article 3. Based on information provided by SCDNR, we would anticipate only a couple of applications, which will increase funds of the Fish and Wildlife Protection Fund by an estimated \$400 in FY2014-15. We expect no impact on General Fund or local revenues.



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^{1/} This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA.