



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
(803)734-3780 • RFA.SC.GOV/IMPACTS

This fiscal impact statement is produced in compliance with the South Carolina Code of Laws and House and Senate rules. The focus of the analysis is on governmental expenditure and revenue impacts and may not provide a comprehensive summary of the legislation.

Bill Number:	S. 0869	Introduced on January 9, 2024
Author:	Sabb	
Subject:	Probate Judges	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Boggs	
Impact Date:	January 31, 2024	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows the estate of an individual, regardless of the date of death, to maintain appointment proceedings for the sole purpose of allowing a claim to be made pursuant to Section 804 of the “Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022.” Section 804 of this Act provides a federal cause of action relating to toxic exposure at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Currently, estate proceedings may not commence more than ten years after the decedent’s death.

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs (DVA) anticipates that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the agency as the court proceedings do not relate to the state level DVA. DVA would pull the final decision data off the federal database if it was a part of a service member’s record.

Additionally, Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may result in an increase in probate court caseloads, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no local expenditure impact.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 9, 2024

State Expenditure

This bill allows the estate of an individual, regardless of the date of death, to maintain appointment proceedings for the sole purpose of allowing a claim to be made pursuant to Section 804 of the “Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022.” Currently, estate proceedings may not commence more than ten years after the decedent’s death.

DVA anticipates that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the agency as the court proceedings do not relate to the state level DVA. DVA would pull the final decision data off the federal database if it was a part of a service member’s record.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may result in an increase in probate court caseloads, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no local expenditure impact.

Local Revenue

N/A



Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director