

REPORT OF THE REVENUE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

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SENATE BILL 765 DUES FOR SC WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

Summary of Bill:

The bill authorizes the Comptroller General to deduct membership dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association directly from the paychecks of state employees and retirees, the same way other association dues are already handled. Deductions are voluntary — only made at the employee's or retiree's request.

Estimated Fiscal Impact:

The bill will have no expenditure impact on state agencies. DNR, PEBA, and the CG's Office indicate that they can process these deductions using existing staff. The Comptroller General's Office may see a small increase in Other Funds revenue, as the office collects a \$0.25 fee per participant per payroll cycle. The exact revenue depends entirely on how many state employees or retirees opt in.

Subcommittee Action/Explanation:

The Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, May 6 at 9am.

Full Committee Action/Explanation:

N/A

Other Notes/Comments:

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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0765 Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject: Dues for SC Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Association
Requestor: Senate Judiciary
RFA Analyst(s): Vesely
Impact Date: March 30, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill authorizes the Comptroller General (CG) and any other state agency, upon request of the employee or retiree, to make deductions from the compensation of state employees or retirees for dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) anticipates this bill will have no fiscal impact for the agency as this bill does not fiscally or operationally alter the responsibilities of the agency.

The Public Employee Benefits Authority (PEBA) will make deductions from the compensation of state retirees for dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association. PEBA anticipates this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency as the agency can manage these responsibilities with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

The CG's Office anticipates this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency as deduction from a state employee's payroll for dues for an association is within the normal course of business for the agency and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue for the CG's Office. Proviso 97.3 of the 2025-26 Appropriations Act establishes a \$0.25 deduction fee per participant per payroll cycle for the CG's Office. The amount of the fee, and therefore the Other Funds revenue increase, will depend upon the number of participants who request to have their fees deducted from their payroll.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 13, 2026

State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the CG and any other state agency, upon request of the employee or retiree, to make deductions from the compensation of state employees or retirees for dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

DNR partners with the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association and the association consists of DNR employees and retirees. However, DNR is not involved with the collection of dues, nor does it receive any revenue from the dues collected for the association. As

this bill does not fiscally or operationally impact the agency, DNR anticipates this bill will have no fiscal impact for the agency.

PEBA will make deductions from the compensation of state retirees for dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association. PEBA anticipates this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency as the agency can manage these responsibilities with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

The CG's Office anticipates this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency as deduction from a state employee's payroll for dues for an association is within the normal course of business for the agency and can be managed with existing staff and within existing appropriations.

State Revenue

This bill authorizes the CG and any other state agency, upon request of the employee or retiree, to make deductions from the compensation of state employees or retirees for dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association.

This bill will increase Other Funds revenue for the CG's Office. Proviso 97.3 of the 2025-26 Appropriations Act establishes a \$0.25 deduction fee per participant per payroll cycle for the CG's Office. The amount of the fee, and therefore the Other Funds revenue increase, will depend upon the number of participants who request to have their fees deducted from their payroll.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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South Carolina General Assembly
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S. 765

STATUS INFORMATION

General Bill
Sponsors: Senator Reichenbach
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Introduced in the Senate on January 13, 2026
Introduced in the House on April 22, 2026
Currently residing in the House Committee on **Ways and Means**

Summary: Dues for SC Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers Association

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
1/13/2026	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 45)
1/13/2026	Senate	Referred to Committee on Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 45)
4/9/2026	Senate	Committee report: Favorable Judiciary (Senate Journal-page 3)
4/15/2026	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 70)
4/15/2026	Senate	Roll call Ayes-41 Nays-4 (Senate Journal-page 70)
4/16/2026	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 12)
4/22/2026	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 16)
4/22/2026	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means (House Journal-page 16)

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VERSIONS OF THIS BILL

01/13/2026

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1 COMMITTEE REPORT
2 April 9, 2026

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6 Introduced by Senator Reichenbach

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9 Read the first time January 13, 2026

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13 **THE COMMITTEE ON SENATE JUDICIARY**

14 To whom was referred a Bill (S. 765) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending
15 Section 8-11-83, relating to payroll deductions, so as to authorize the Comptroller General to deduct
16 dues for, etc., respectfully

17 **REPORT:**

18 That they have duly and carefully considered the same, and recommend that the same do pass:

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20 LUKE RANKIN for Committee.
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A BILL

11 TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-83,
12 RELATING TO PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPTROLLER
13 GENERAL TO DEDUCT DUES FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION FROM THE COMPENSATION OF STATE
15 EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES.
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17 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

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19 SECTION 1. Section 8-11-83 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

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21 (E) Dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association also may be
22 deducted from the compensation of state employees and retirees and paid over to his association in the
23 same manner other dues under this section are deducted and paid over. The same restrictions and
24 conditions that apply to the other deductions under this same section also apply to the deduction of
25 dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association.
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27 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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