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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0687
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 Subject: Animal Shelters
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	N/A
Other and Federal	Minimal	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	Undeterminable	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The expenditure impact on Other Funds is expected to be minimal and would be absorbed within the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation’s available resources.

Due to the limited number of responses, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact on local governments.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

Senate Bill 687 amends Section 40-69-295 and adds Section 40-69-300 dealing with veterinarians. The bill requires all mobile veterinary facilities to identify the location of the emergency veterinary facility closest to the current location of the mobile van by posting the contact information at the mobile location and on paperwork given to the pet owner. The bill prohibits a mobile practice operated by a non-profit animal group from operating within seven miles of a privately-owned veterinary practice. The bill adds definitions for pet, mobile veterinary practice, animal shelter, and veterinary services. The bill lists the services that shelters may perform and provides that all animal shelters are to be regulated by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The bill limits veterinary services offered by shelters to low-income owners and identifies the records that must be maintained by the shelters and veterinarians. The bill declares it unlawful to dispense a drug

for a pet unless the medication is labeled with all the information required by federal and state law and prescribed by a licensed veterinarian. The bill provides penalties for violations.

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds. The bill would have an expenditure impact on Other Funds, but expenditures are expected to be minimal and would be absorbed within the agency's current appropriated budget.

Judicial Department. The department reports that the bill creates a new criminal offense of dispensing a pet medication prescribed by a licensed veterinarian that is not properly labeled. Hearings and trials for this new offense would be heard in Summary Courts. Although it is not possible to predict the number of cases this bill might generate, The Judicial Department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. Any expenditure impact would be borne by municipalities and counties.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina and twenty-three county governments regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. We received responses from Cherokee and Clarendon Counties. Both counties report that this bill would have no expenditure impact on their jurisdictions. Due to the limited number of responses, our office is not able to determine the expenditure impact on local governments.

Local Revenue

N/A



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