

# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT (803)734-0640 • RFA.SC.GOV/IMPACTS

**Bill Number:** H. 3517 Introduced on January 18, 2017

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Subject: Hunting and Fishing License Waiver for Terminally III Children

Requestor: Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry

RFA Analyst(s): Stein

Impact Date: February 16, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact** 

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The Department of Natural Resources may experience a small reduction in Other Fund revenues resulting from this new license fee waiver, but the reduction is not expected to be significant.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

### Introduced on January 18, 2017 State Expenditure

This bill authorizes the Director of the Department of Natural Resources to issue a special authorization waiving the fees for hunting and fishing licenses for anyone under the age of twenty-one who has been diagnosed with a terminal or life threatening illness or injury. The bill provides guidelines and restrictions related to the waiver.

**Department of Natural Resources**. The department reports that this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds. The department already has staff and mechanisms in place to develop and publicize the requirements necessary for an applicant to obtain the license fee waivers.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill would reduce Other Fund revenues as a result of this license fee waiver. As data on the number of terminally ill or injured youths in the state who currently hold hunting or fishing licenses is unavailable, the department is not able to estimate the number of individuals who would qualify for the waiver or the amount of the revenue loss. However, the department does

not expect the potential revenue reduction to be significant, and agency operations are not expected to be impacted.

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

**Local Revenue** 

N/A

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