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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0402 Amended by Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry on March 1, 2017  
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**Subject:** Hunting and Fishing License Fee Exemptions  
**Requestor:** Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Stein  
**Impact Date:** March 6, 2017

**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

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

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. As this bill extends the privilege of free hunting and fishing licenses to disabled residents receiving benefits from another state, Other Funds revenues retained by the Department of Natural Resources may be reduced. However, the reduction in Other Funds revenue is not expected to be significant.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry on March 1, 2017**

**State Expenditure**

This bill allows a resident who is determined to be disabled and receiving benefits under a retirement system of another state to obtain a three year disability combination license or a three year disability fishing license at no cost. Currently, residents who are disabled and receiving benefits under Social Security, the Civil Service Retirement System, the South Carolina Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, the Veterans Administration, or Medicaid may obtain these licenses at no cost.

**Department of Natural Resources.** The department currently processes disability combination and disability fishing licenses at no charge to residents who are disabled and receiving benefits under federal and South Carolina programs. Adding another category of resident entitled to the free license will not require additional personnel or a significant change in the department's licensing processes. Therefore, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

**State Revenue**

This bill is expected to reduce Other Funds revenue, retained by the Department of Natural Resources, from hunting and fishing license fees to the degree that disabled residents receiving retirement benefits from another state apply for either type of license. The disability combination license includes benefits provided by a sportsman license, migratory waterfowl permit, and saltwater fishing license costing \$65.50 annually. The disability combination fishing license includes the benefits provided by both a freshwater and a saltwater fishing license costing \$20.00 per year. The no-cost waiver for licenses qualifying for both the disability combination license and the disability fishing license amounts to \$85.50 per year or \$256.50 over the three year license period. The number of new applicants qualifying under the provisions of this bill is unknown. However, the reduction in revenue is not expected to be significant. This bill would have no revenue impact on the General Fund or Federal Funds.

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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