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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: S. 0456 Introduced on February 22, 2017
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Subject: Beginner’s Permits for Motorcyclists
Requestor: House Education and Public Works
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner, Walling, and Wren
Impact Date: March 30, 2017 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$6,000	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	Undetermined	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will increase non-recurring General Fund expenses of the Department of Motor Vehicles by \$6,000. The bill may increase Other Funds revenue of technical colleges by an undetermined amount for additional individuals taking a motorcycle driving course as a result of this bill. This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include responses from the Department of Public Safety, Department of Motor Vehicles, and the State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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Updated for Additional Agency Response

State Expenditure

This bill relates to motorcycle beginners’ permits and provides that a person who has failed the motorcycle driver’s license test three or more times must successfully complete a South Carolina Technical College motorcycle safety course or its equivalent in order to obtain a motorcycle license. Such courses must be at least eight hours in length and be administered by an accredited instructor. The license applicant must also successfully complete an examination equivalent to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) motorcycle skills test. The bill also provides that any driver possessing a Class M (motorcycle) endorsement who has accumulated points for violations may have the number of his points reduced by four upon providing satisfactory evidence to the DMV that he has successfully completed a South Carolina Technical College motorcycle safety course or its equivalent. Such courses must be at least eight hours in length

and be administered by an accredited instructor. No person's points may be reduced more than one time per three-year period.

Department of Public Safety. The agency reports that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency indicates that non-recurring expenses for this bill will total \$6,000 for programming related to requiring individuals who fail the driver's license test three or more times to complete an instructional course through a technical college in lieu of passing the test.

State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education. The agency reports that the implementation of this bill will have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds related to the driving course.

State Revenue

The bill may increase Other Funds revenue of the technical colleges if additional individuals take a driving course as a result of failing to pass the motorcycle driving test or to have driver's license points reduced. Courses offered range in price around \$239 to \$259. The impact on revenue will depend on the number of individuals who take a driving course as a result of this bill and is undetermined.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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Department of Public Safety. The expenditure impact is undetermined, pending a response from the agency.

Department of Motor Vehicles. The agency indicates that non-recurring expenses for this bill will total \$6,000 for programming.

State Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education. The expenditure impact is undetermined, pending a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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