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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3750	Amended by House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs on February 19, 2019
Author:	Hewitt	
Subject:	Deer Hunting	
Requestor:	Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gallagher	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill will decrease Other Funds revenue by \$644,435 to the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Fish and Wildlife Protection Deer Fund by replacing the currently allotted eight date specific individual antlerless deer tags with two non-date specific individual antlerless deer tags when residents purchase a South Carolina hunting license and big game permit. This fiscal impact has been updated following a response from DNR.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill replaces the allowance of eight date specific individual antlerless deer tags with two non-date specific individual antlerless deer tags when residents purchase a South Carolina hunting license and big game permit. This bill also deletes the requirement that DNR must establish a minimum number of antlerless days. The bill requires the department to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

This bill replaces the allowance of eight date specific individual antlerless deer tags with two non-date specific individual antlerless deer tags when residents purchase a South Carolina hunting license and big game permit. Each tag currently costs \$5 for residents, and residents are currently permitted to purchase up to four non-date specific antlerless deer tags. Assuming that, as a result of this legislation, individuals who previously purchased one or two tags will no longer purchase tags, individuals who previously purchased three tags will now purchase one, and those who purchased four tags will now purchase two. As such, the revenue loss to DNR's Fish and Wildlife Protection Deer Fund is estimated to be \$644,435. The table below provides information regarding the number of tags resident hunters purchased in 2018, as well as the estimated revenue loss among each faction.

RESIDENT DEER TAG DATA				
Tags	Resident Hunters Purchasing	Tags Purchased	Total Revenue	Revenue Loss
1	7,875	7,875	\$39,375	\$39,375
2	25,050	50,100	\$250,500	\$250,500
3	3,235	9,705	\$48,525	\$32,350
4	32,221	128,884	\$644,420	\$322,210
Total	68,381	196,564	\$982,820	\$644,435

Table 1: DNR and RFA estimates

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Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from DNR.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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