

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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S. 0614 Introduced on February 25, 2021 **Bill Number:**

Corbin Author:

Subject: Unorganized Militia

Senate Family and Veterans Services Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

Impact Date: May 13, 2021 Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill deems that a South Carolina citizen older than seventeen who can legally purchase a firearm is a member of the unorganized militia unless he is already a National Guard member or a member of the organized militia not in National Guard Service. The Office of the Adjutant General reports that since there are many unknown factors associated with the implementation of the bill, the agency cannot determine what effect the bill would have on its operations. As such, the expenditure impact of the bill on the agency's General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds is undetermined.

This fiscal impact statement has been updated to include a response from the Office of the Adjutant General.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Updated for Additional Agency Response Introduced on February 25, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill deems that a South Carolina citizen over seventeen years of age who can legally purchase a firearm is a member of the unorganized militia unless he is already a member of the National Guard or the organized militia not in National Guard service. The unorganized militia will be supervised by the Governor and the Adjutant General, will be regulated by actions of the General Assembly, and may be ordered to active duty under certain circumstances. A member of the unorganized militia has the right to possess and keep all arms (including but not limited to shouldered rifles and shotguns, handguns, clips, magazines, all components, and all ammunition fitted for such weapons) that could be legally acquired or possessed by a South Carolina citizen as of December 31, 2020, and he maintains the right to resume civilian status at any time upon his resignation. No entity outside of South Carolina has jurisdiction over or may mandate any law or regulation overseeing the unorganized militia.

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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N/A

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Adjutant General's Office. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A

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