



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3414    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
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**Subject:** Elevating or Lowering, Motor Vehicles  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith and Wren  
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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill prohibits any person from driving a passenger motor vehicle on the highways of this state where the height of the front fender is raised or lowered four or more inches above or below the height of the rear fender. The bill further imposes fines ranging from \$100 to \$300 for any person who violates the provisions of the bill. In addition to the fines, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must suspend a driver's license for a third offense.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on DMV since the agency indicated on similar legislation that any expenses with the legislation could be managed within existing appropriations.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on Judicial since Judicial indicated on similar legislation that any expenses due to an increase in the number of cases heard in court could be managed within existing General Fund appropriations.

This bill may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. However, data are unavailable to estimate the number of new offenses. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 10, 2023**

#### **State Expenditure**

This bill prohibits any person from driving a passenger motor vehicle, including motor vehicles referred to as pickup trucks, on the highways of this State where the height of the front fender is raised or lowered four or more inches above or below the height of the rear fender by alteration of the suspension, frame, or chassis. A person who violates the provisions of this bill is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction must be fined as follows:

- For a first offense, a fine of \$100;
- For a second offense, a fine of \$200; or

- For a third offense, a fine of \$300 and have his license suspended by DMV for twelve months from the date of conviction.

Only offenses that occur within five years of each other will constitute a prior offense within the provisions of this bill.

**Department of Motor Vehicles.** DMV indicated on similar legislation that any expenses could be managed within existing appropriations. Therefore, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on the agency.

**Judicial.** This bill may increase the number of cases, or the duration of cases heard in court. Judicial indicated on similar legislation that General Fund resources would be used to manage any modification in caseloads. Therefore, we do not anticipate that this bill will have an expenditure impact on Judicial.

#### **State Revenue**

This bill imposes new fines, which may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. However, data are unavailable to estimate the number of new offenses. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the increase in fines and fees collections in court.

#### **Local Expenditure**

N/A

#### **Local Revenue**

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