



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 4436    Introduced on May 4, 2023  
**Author:** Wooten  
**Subject:** Emergency Vehicle Operators  
**Requestor:** House Education and Public Works  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** February 7, 2024

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires the driver of a vehicle who approaches or passes an emergency scene or authorized emergency vehicle with emergency lights flashing to control his or her vehicle to avoid interfering with the operation of an authorized emergency vehicle. A person who violates this requirement is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than \$300 nor more than \$500.

There is no expenditure impact to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) as the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the department.

Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may result in an increase in summary court caseloads, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no expenditure impact for Judicial.

As this bill creates new offenses, this may result in an increase of General Fund, Other Funds and local fine revenue. However, as the number of such offenses and the resulting fines and fees that might occur in a given year is unknown, the revenue impact is undetermined.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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##### **State Expenditure**

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**Department of Motor Vehicles.** DMV indicates that this bill will not operationally or fiscally impact the department. Therefore, there is no expenditure impact to DMV.

**Judicial.** Judicial reports that implementation of the bill may increase caseloads in summary court, which can be managed using existing staff and appropriations. Therefore, the bill will result in no expenditure impact for Judicial.

**State Revenue**

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. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (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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