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Bill Number: S. 0208 Introduced on January 10, 2023
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Subject: Motor Vehicle License and Registration Fees for New SC Residents
Requestor: Senate Finance
RFA Analyst(s): Miller and Griffith
Impact Date: February 21, 2023

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill permits county governments to impose an additional driver's license and motor vehicle licensing and registration fee of \$250 for a person who is issued a license and surrenders a license issued by any other state. The county must pass a referendum in order to impose the fee. The county election commission must conduct the referendum and publish the question from the referendum two weeks prior to the referendum.

The State Elections Commission anticipates this bill will have no expenditure impact for the agency, as any additional responsibilities can be managed within the normal course of business.

The potential expenditure impact for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement any changes is pending, contingent upon a response from the agency.

RFA contacted the counties and received responses from Charleston, Chesterfield, and Clarendon. Charleston County anticipates that there would be a nominal increase in expenses to implement the fee, however, these expenses could be absorbed within the existing budget. Chesterfield County anticipates that if a referendum passed, it would generate more revenue for infrastructure projects for the county, however, the amount of revenue generated was not estimated. Clarendon County anticipates that it would not attempt to implement this fee.

Additionally, based upon the responses received from the counties and as this bill is permissive in nature, the potential local revenue impact of this bill will depend on the number of counties that decide to implement the fee and are able to pass a referendum. Therefore, the local revenue impact of this bill is undetermined.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Revenue

N/A

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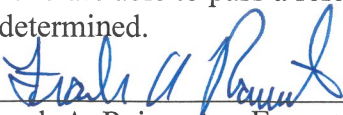
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