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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0332    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Gambrell  
**Subject:** Marriage Certificates  
**Requestor:** Senate Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Griffith  
**Impact Date:** April 14, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires a marriage license certificate to include the signatures of the bride and groom. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) indicates that this is current practice of the agency. Therefore, the bill will have no expenditure impact on DHEC.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) surveyed all forty-six counties regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. Although RFA did not receive any responses from counties, we do not anticipate that the bill will have an expenditure impact on county governments since DHEC indicates that current marriage license forms contain a signature line for both spouses. We will update this fiscal impact statement if any county provides a different response.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill requires a marriage license certificate to include the signatures of the bride and groom. DHEC indicates that current marriage license forms contain a signature line and the printed names of both spouses. Thus, no changes will be required, and the bill will not operationally or fiscally impact the agency.

##### **State Revenue**

N/A

##### **Local Expenditure**

This bill requires a marriage license certificate to include the signatures of the bride and groom. Marriage licenses are issued by the judge of probate or clerk of court in South Carolina. RFA surveyed all forty-six counties regarding the expenditure impact of this bill. While RFA did not receive any responses from counties, we do not anticipate that the bill will have an expenditure impact on county governments since DHEC indicates that current marriage license forms contain a signature line for both spouses. We will update this fiscal impact statement if any county provides a different response.

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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