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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0440    Introduced on January 24, 2023  
**Author:** Corbin  
**Subject:** Unorganized Militia  
**Requestor:** Senate Family and Veterans Services  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Gardner  
**Impact Date:** February 22, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill deems that a South Carolina citizen who is at least eighteen and 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 General Fund and Other Funds expenditure impact of the bill is undetermined.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 24, 2023**

##### **State Expenditure**

This bill deems that a South Carolina citizen who is at least eighteen and 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. Every 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, 2022. The member 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.

**Office of the Adjutant General.** 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 General Fund and Other Funds expenditure impact of the bill on the South Carolina National Guard is undetermined.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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