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**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** S. 0459 Amended by Senate Transportation on March 14, 2023  
**Author:** Grooms  
**Subject:** Alcohol Sales at Airports  
**Requestor:** House Judiciary  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** May 3, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill allows a person twenty-one years of age or older to purchase an alcoholic liquor drink from an establishment or concessionaire in a qualifying South Carolina airport and consume the drink throughout the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) screened portion of the airport. The bill does not change alcohol beverage licensing requirements.

The bill is not expected to significantly impact airport authority expenditures. The Charleston County Aviation Authority indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the provisions of the bill can be managed within existing appropriations. We will update this impact statement if we receive information from other airport authorities that affects this assumption.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**Amended by Senate Transportation on March 14, 2023**

**State Expenditure**

NA

**State Revenue**

NA

**Local Expenditure**

This bill allows a person twenty-one years of age or older to purchase an alcoholic liquor drink from an establishment or concessionaire in the Charleston International Airport, Columbia Metropolitan Airport, Florence Regional Airport, Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, Hilton Head Island Airport, or Myrtle Beach International Airport and consume the drink throughout the TSA-screened portion of the airport. The bill does not change alcohol beverage licensing requirements.

**S.C. Airport Authorities.** The bill is not expected to significantly impact airport authority expenditures. The Charleston County Aviation Authority indicates that the bill will have no expenditure impact since the provisions of the bill can be managed within existing appropriations. We will update this impact statement if we receive information from other airport authorities that affects this assumption.

**Local Revenue**  
NA



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