

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: H. 3930 Introduced on February 6, 2025

Subject: Second Amendment Privacy Act

Requestor: House Judiciary

RFA Analyst(s): Gardner

Impact Date: April 3, 2025 - Updated for Additional Agency Response

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates the Second Amendment Financial Privacy Act, which defines relevant terms and provides that, other than for a criminal investigation and prosecution or otherwise required by law, no government entity, official, agent, or employee may knowingly keep or cause to be kept any list, record, or registry of privately owned firearms or their respective owners. The bill also authorizes the Attorney General to enforce these provisions and establishes civil fines for violations of this act.

This bill may result in an increase in the number of circuit court cases. Judicial anticipates any increase in the caseload due to this bill can be managed within existing appropriations. However, Judicial notes that if this bill results in an unexpected significant increase in the caseload, additional General Fund appropriations may be requested.

The Attorney General's Office anticipates the need for 2.0 FTEs with salary and fringe totaling \$237,000 and other operating expenses totaling \$35,000 annually to manage the additional responsibilities of this bill. The Attorney General's Office anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation to cover this increase in expense.

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the potential increase in fines collected by the court.

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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The Attorney General's Office anticipates the need for 2.0 FTEs, an Attorney II and an Investigator IV, to manage the additional responsibilities to the agency due to this bill. The agency indicates salary and fringe for these FTEs will total approximately \$237,000 and other operating expenses will total \$35,000. The Attorney General's Office anticipates expenses to increase by \$272,000 annually due to this bill. The Attorney General's Office anticipates requesting a General Fund appropriation to cover this increase in expense.

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State Revenue

This bill may result in an increase in the amount of fines collected by the court. Court fines are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined increase to the General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the increase in fine collections by the court.

Local Expenditure

N/A

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