



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 4248 Introduced on March 27, 2025  
**Subject:** Food Labeling  
**Requestor:** House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Daigle  
**Impact Date:** March 3, 2026

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires that shrimp and shrimp products for sale in the state must contain a clear and conspicuous label that notes the country of origin of the shrimp. Moreover, all commercial food establishments must display the same information on menus. A violation of the shrimp labeling requirements is punishable by imprisonment for up to six months, or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both for first-time offenses, and imprisonment for up to two years, or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both for second and subsequent offenses.

The enforcement of this section is vested with the commissioner of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture indicates that the requirements of this bill will be managed with existing staff and resources.

This bill may result in an increase in the number of actions brought in circuit court, due to the newly created offenses, which may increase the workload of the court system, the Commission on Indigent Defense (CID), the Commission on Prosecution Coordination (CPC), the Department of Corrections (Corrections), and the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (PPP). The potential increase in expenses will depend upon the increase in the number of cases. CID, CPC, Corrections, and PPP anticipate that the potential increase in caseload can be managed within existing appropriations. Judicial anticipates that the potential impact of the caseload in circuit court can be managed within existing appropriations. However, if the bill has an unanticipated impact on caseloads or downstream expenses, Judicial, CID, CPC, Corrections, and PPP will request an increase in General Fund appropriations. For information, according to Corrections, in FY 2024-25, the annual total cost per inmate was \$37,503, of which \$35,696 was state funded.

This bill may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court due to an increase in court cases. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in a change to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collected in court.

# Explanation of Fiscal Impact

**Introduced on March 27, 2025**

## **State Expenditure**

This bill requires that shrimp and shrimp products for sale in the state must contain a clear and conspicuous label that notes the country of origin of the shrimp. Moreover, all commercial food establishments must display the same information on menus. Violations of the requirements of this bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor, which is subject to imprisonment for up to six months, or a fine of up to \$1,000, or both for first-time offenses, and imprisonment for up to two years, or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both for second and subsequent offenses.

This bill creates a new labeling requirement for shrimp and shrimp products. The enforcement of this section is vested with the commissioner of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture indicates that the requirements of this bill will be managed with existing staff and resources.

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## **State Revenue**

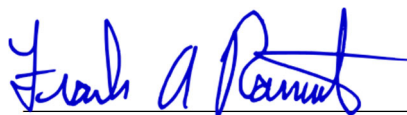
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## **Local Expenditure**

N/A

## **Local Revenue**

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