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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	H. 4688	Introduced on January 13, 2026
Subject:	Golf Carts	
Requestor:	House Education and Public Works	
RFA Analyst(s):	Griffith	
Impact Date:	February 24, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill makes changes to §56-2-90(E) by specifying that golf cart passengers under the age of twelve are not required to wear a fastened safety belt as long as the passenger is on a golf cart that is owned by a golf course and is being operated in conjunction with playing on the same course.

Since the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), there is no fiscal impact to the agency.

This bill may result in a change in the number of local court cases. Judicial offers administrative support for local courts. While this bill may reduce the number of cases heard in local courts, there is no way to estimate the percentage of existing violations that would no longer be illegal under this bill. However, Judicial does not anticipate a substantial impact on local courts.

This bill may result in a minimal change in the fines and fees collected in court. 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 General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue, and local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all forty-six counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) regarding the potential fiscal impact of the bill. Beaufort, Charleston, Dorchester, Florence, and Lancaster Counties anticipate that the bill will have no fiscal impact on the counties since the bill does not impose additional duties or affect their ability to enforce the law. Similarly, MASC indicates that while the change for golf courses will need to be communicated to patrol officers, the bill will have no fiscal impact on municipalities.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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Since the bill does not operationally or fiscally impact DMV, there is no fiscal impact to DMV.

Violations of the statute are misdemeanors that are heard in local courts. Judicial offers administrative support for local courts and does not anticipate that the exclusion of passengers on golf courses will have a substantial impact on the workload of the court system.

State Revenue

This bill may result in a minimal change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in a change to the General Fund and Other Funds revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.

Local Expenditure

Violations of the statute are misdemeanors that are heard in local courts. Judicial anticipates that the exclusion of passengers on golf courses will not substantially impact the workload of the court system. Further, RFA contacted all forty-six counties and MASC regarding the potential fiscal impact of the bill. Beaufort, Charleston, Dorchester, Florence, and Lancaster Counties anticipate that the bill will have no fiscal impact on the counties since the bill does not impose additional duties or affect their ability to enforce the law. Similarly, MASC indicates that while the change for golf courses will need to be communicated to patrol officers, the bill will have no fiscal impact on municipalities.

Local Revenue

This bill may result in a minimal change in the fines and fees collected in court. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in a change to local revenue due to the change in fines and fees collections in court.



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