



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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<b>Bill Number:</b>	S. 0114	Introduced on January 14, 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Telecommunication Location Information	
<b>Requestor:</b>	Senate Judiciary	
<b>RFA Analyst(s):</b>	Gardner	
<b>Impact Date:</b>	February 20, 2025	

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill enables law enforcement agencies to request customer call location information from wireless service providers during emergency circumstances.

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) reports that implementation of the bill will result in no expenditure impact as the agency intends to use existing staff and appropriations to fulfill additional duties required by the bill.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) surveyed all county governments and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC) to determine whether passage of the bill would result in an expenditure impact. RFA received responses from Charleston County, Dorchester County, Florence County, Horry County, and MASC. The counties reported that the bill will result in no expenditure impact since it does not require them to perform duties outside the normal course of business. Both Horry County and the MASC noted that the bill may result in minimal cost savings over time as it would shorten the investigation and response time for law enforcement agencies. MASC also indicated this bill may result in a non-recurring administrative expense to establish protocol and training for local law enforcement, however, this cost is expected to be negligible.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 14, 2025

#### State Expenditure

This bill requires a wireless service provider to provide call location information for a user of a telecommunications device within a reasonable period of time after a request by a law enforcement agency acting in its official duties. A law enforcement agency may only make such a request for the purposes of responding to a call for emergency services at the time of the request or in an emergency situation that involves the risk of death or serious physical harm. The bill also enables a wireless service provider to establish protocols by which the carrier will voluntarily disclose call location information. In addition, the bill prohibits a civil or criminal action from being brought against a wireless service provider acting in good faith in providing call location information. SLED must obtain relevant contact information from all wireless service providers authorized to do business in this State and disseminate that information to each

law enforcement agency. SLED intends to use existing staff and appropriations to fulfill this duty, and therefore, this bill will result in no expenditure impact.

**State Revenue**

N/A

**Local Expenditure**

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**Local Revenue**

N/A



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