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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0807 Introduced on January 14, 2026
Subject: Special Doe Hunting Season
Requestor: Senate Fish, Game, and Forestry
RFA Analyst(s): Daigle
Impact Date: March 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill creates a new special doe hunting season from January 2nd through January 31st. Residents may purchase up to 3 doe tags at \$5 per tag, and nonresidents may purchase up to 2 doe tags for \$15 per tag. Violations of taking, possessing, or transporting a doe, except as permitted by this bill or otherwise provided by law, are a misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment not more than 30 days. In addition, this bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) when issuing antlerless deer tags to print and distribute a card, brochure, or other literature encouraging hunters to take antlerless deer and featuring the words "Save Our Herd. Take a Doe". This bill also increases the number of individual antlerless deer tags from 2 tags to 8 tags.

This bill may increase expenses for DNR in order to administer the new doe tags, and print and distribute literature in relation to the new special doe hunting season. The expenditure impact of this bill on DNR is pending contingent upon a response from the agency.

This bill may result in a change in the number of court cases in local courts due to the newly created misdemeanor. Judicial anticipates being able to manage any additional responsibilities due to this bill. However, if this bill results in an unexpected, significant increase in the caseload, and thereby, Judicial's administrative support, Judicial will request additional General Fund appropriations.

This bill may increase Other Fund revenue due to the new doe tags. The revenue impact of this bill is pending contingent upon a response from DNR.

This bill may also result in a 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, Other Funds, and local funds revenue due to the change in fines and fees collected in court.

This bill may change the number of court cases in local courts and the number of individuals imprisoned in local jails, due to the newly created misdemeanor. The potential change in expenses for local courts and local jails will depend upon the number of cases and number of incarcerations.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill creates a new special doe hunting season from January 2nd through January 31st. This bill requires DNR to issue and prescribe the use of individual tags for does. Residents may purchase up to 3 doe tags at \$5 per tag, and nonresidents may purchase up to 2 doe tags for \$15 per tag. Violations of taking, possessing, or transporting a doe, except as permitted by this bill or otherwise provided by law, are a misdemeanor subject to a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment not more than 30 days. DNR is responsible for issuing guidance to hunters indicating the distinction between does and antlerless deer. This bill also increases the number of antlerless deer tags a resident will be issued upon purchasing a South Carolina hunting license from 2 to 8 tags. In addition, this bill requires DNR when issuing antlerless deer tags to print and distribute a card, brochure, or other literature encouraging hunters to take antlerless deer and featuring the words “Save Our Herd. Take a Doe”.

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State Revenue

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Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

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