



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0872 Introduced on January 29, 2026
Subject: Immigration Status on Driver's License
Requestor: Senate Transportation
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
Impact Date: April 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill requires an applicant for a driver's license, driver's permit, or identification card to present proof of United States citizenship or proof of his legal status in the United States. If the applicant is legally in the country but not a citizen, then the license issued must contain the identifying code "NC" and include the information in the applicant's record. The bill also requires a person who uses a South Carolina driver's license or a Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)-issued identification card in order to vote to have a card that does not contain the identifying code "NC."

The fiscal impact of the bill on DMV is pending, contingent upon further information from the agency.

The fiscal impact of the bill on the Election Commission is pending, contingent upon a response from the commission.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all forty-six counties and MASC regarding the potential fiscal impact of the bill and received responses from Florence, Horry, and Lancaster Counties. These responding counties anticipate that the bill will have no fiscal impact on their localities since any additional responsibilities can be managed within the normal course of business.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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Department of Motor Vehicles. The fiscal impact of the bill on DMV is pending, contingent upon further information from the agency.

Election Commission. The fiscal impact of the bill on the Election Commission is pending, contingent upon a response from the commission.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

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Local Revenue

N/A



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