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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number:	S. 0877	Introduced on February 3, 2026
Subject:	Profits from Crime	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	March 24, 2026	

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill provides that a lien will be established in favor of the state upon any profits of crime, as defined by the bill, payable to a convicted person or another person on his behalf. The lien shall attach at the time of the conviction. In the event of an appeal, the funds will be held in a revolving escrow trust account with the Attorney General, South Carolina Crime Victim Services Division. The bill also prescribes the distribution schedule for the proceeds. The Office of the Attorney General is authorized and directed to take such legal action as is necessary to perfect and enforce the lien created by this section.

This bill will have no expenditure impact for the Office of the Attorney General, as the agency anticipates performing the activities required by this bill within the normal course of agency business.

This bill may impact General Fund and Other Fund revenue for the proceeds of the lien created by this bill. The increase will depend upon the number of liens and the amount collected from each lien.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 3, 2026

State Expenditure

This bill defines profits from a crime as any property obtained through, or income generated from, the commission of a crime for which a defendant was convicted and provides that a lien in favor of the state be attached to any profit of crime. The lien shall attach at the time of the conviction. In the event of an appeal, the funds will be held in a revolving escrow trust account with the Attorney General, South Carolina Crime Victim Services Division. The Office of the Attorney General is authorized to enforce such liens.

This bill requires the Office of the Attorney General to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business. As a result, this bill does not have an expenditure impact for the agency.

State Revenue

This bill provides that a lien will be established in favor of the state upon any profits of crime, as defined by the bill, payable to a convicted person or another person on his behalf. The proceeds from these liens shall be distributed fifty percent to the statutory victim of the crime or the victim's dependents; if there are no victims, or if damages to a victim constitute less than fifty percent of the proceeds, this portion will be distributed to the South Carolina Victim Compensation Fund. Once the initial distribution of the account has been paid, an equal amount shall be distributed to the General Fund to cover both the defendant's court costs and the computed cost of his imprisonment or supervision by the state or county correctional system. The remainder of funds must be distributed to crime victims.

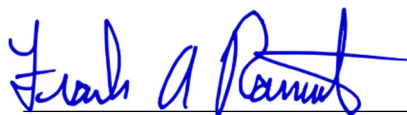
This bill may impact General Fund and Other Fund revenue for the distributions of the proceeds of the liens created by this bill. The increase will depend upon the number of liens and the amount collected from each lien.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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