



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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Bill Number: S. 0894 Introduced on February 4, 2026
Subject: Death Certificate Filing Deadline Exception
Requestor: Senate Medical Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Boggs
Impact Date: March 17, 2026

Fiscal Impact Summary

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Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

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State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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