



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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**Bill Number:** H. 3130    Introduced on January 10, 2023  
**Author:** Ott  
**Subject:** Shooting Ranges  
**Requestor:** House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Jolliff  
**Impact Date:** January 20, 2023

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### **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill adds requirements for a shooting range established or expanded after July 1, 2023. The range must maintain a written safety plan that must be available for public inspection. Failure to develop and maintain a written safety plan subjects the shooting range to a civil fine of \$500, which may be imposed by the governing body of the jurisdiction where the shooting range is located. A copy of the current safety plan also must be filed with the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the shooting range is located and available for public inspection.

In order to determine the potential impact of the bill, we surveyed all counties and the Municipal Association of South Carolina (MASC). Chesterfield County and MASC responded that the bill may increase costs for code enforcement or inspections and could increase fine revenue. However, the potential amount is undetermined. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined increase in General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue, and local revenue due to the fines and fees collections in court for the new offense.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### **Introduced on January 10, 2023**

#### **State Expenditure**

N/A

#### **State Revenue**

This bill adds requirements for a shooting range established or expanded after July 1, 2023. The range must maintain a written safety plan that must be available for public inspection. Failure to develop and maintain a written safety plan as required by this bill subjects the shooting range to a civil fine of \$500, which may be imposed by the governing body of the jurisdiction where the shooting range is located. The new fine may 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 an undetermined impact to General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue, and local revenue due to the modifications in fines and fees

collections in court. However, the amount will depend on the number of violations and is undetermined.

### **Local Expenditure**

This bill adds requirements for a shooting range established or expanded after July 1, 2023. The range must maintain a written safety plan which must be available for public inspection. Failure to develop and maintain a written safety plan as required by this section subjects the shooting range to a civil fine of \$500, which may be imposed by the governing body of the jurisdiction where the shooting range is located. A copy of the current safety plan also must be filed with the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the shooting range is located and available for public inspection.

In order to determine the potential impact of the bill, we surveyed all counties and MASC. Chesterfield County and MASC responded that the bill may increase costs for code enforcement or inspections. However, the potential amount is undetermined.

### **Local Revenue**

This bill may result in an increase in the fines and fees collected in court for the new civil offense. Court fines and fees are distributed to the General Fund, Other Funds, and local funds. Therefore, RFA anticipates this bill may result in an undetermined impact to General Fund revenue, Other Funds revenue, and local revenue due to the modifications in fines and fees collections in court.



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