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Bill Number: H. 3993 Introduced on February 16, 2023
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Subject: Venison
Requestor: House Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environmental Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill allows the retail sale of white-tailed deer organ meat, packaged as pet treats, by official establishments certified by the State Livestock-Poultry Health Division, Clemson University, or the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The product must have an official product registration as required by the South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA), and the official establishment must obtain an annual permit from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), at no cost.

The expenditure impact of this bill on SCDA is expected to be minimal and managed within existing resources.

This bill is not expected to have an expenditure impact on DNR as the agency anticipates being able to manage the responsibilities of the bill within the normal course of business. However, DNR indicates that the bill may increase inspection hours in order to ensure that the white-tailed deer organ meat comes from a permitted establishment rather than from recreational hunters.

This bill will have no impact on Other Funds revenue of DNR since the annual permit must be issued at no cost.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill allows the retail sale of white-tailed deer organ meat, packaged as pet treats, by official establishments certified by the State Livestock-Poultry Health Division, Clemson University, or the USDA. The product must have an official product registration as required by the SCDA, and the official establishment must obtain an annual permit from DNR, at no cost. Currently, the sale of whitetail deer is prohibited.

Department of Agriculture. SCDA indicates that any expenses associated with this bill will be minimal and can be managed within existing resources.

Department of Natural Resources. DNR indicates that this bill requires the department to perform activities that will be conducted in the normal course of agency business and does not anticipate an expenditure impact. However, the agency indicates that the bill may increase inspection hours in order to ensure that the white-tailed deer organ meat comes from a permitted establishment rather than from recreational hunters.

State Revenue

This bill allows the retail sale of white-tailed deer organ meat, packaged as pet treats, by official establishments certified by the State Livestock-Poultry Health Division, Clemson University, or the USDA. The product must have an official product registration as required by the SCDA, and the official establishment must obtain an annual permit from DNR, at no cost.

The annual permit for establishments must be issued by DNR at no cost. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on Other Funds revenue of DNR.

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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