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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S.0987	Introduced on January 14, 2020
Author:	Hembree	
Subject:	Fireworks	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Payne	
Impact Date:	February 19, 2020	

Fiscal Impact Summary

RFA anticipates this bill may increase local revenues by an undetermined amount because it adds public beaches to the definition of "Fireworks Prohibited Zone," with applicable fines of \$100 and \$200 for first and second offenses, respectively.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

N/A

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill expands the definition of "Fireworks Prohibited Zone" to include public beaches and public beach access. Currently, discharge of fireworks is prohibited on property designated as a prohibited zone by an owner, lessee or managing authority of real property. The penalty for using fireworks in a prohibited zone includes a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense and up to \$200 for a second offense. Additionally, some counties and municipalities enforce local ordinances that may be more restrictive or include higher penalties. RFA surveyed local law enforcement agencies requesting data necessary to estimate the impact of this bill but did not receive such data. RFA anticipates the bill may increase fine revenue, but the impact will be dependent upon the number of violations cited. Therefore, RFA estimates this bill may increase local revenues by an undetermined amount.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank A. Rainwater".

Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director