



SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3289	Signed by Governor on May 19, 2017
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Subject:	Safe Following Distance	
Requestor:	House of Representatives	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gardner	
Impact Date:	May 25, 2017	

Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19
State Expenditure		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Other and Federal	\$0	\$0
Local Expenditure	\$0	\$0
Local Revenue	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill makes a state traffic law regarding following too closely inapplicable to certain conduct under specified circumstances. The revenue and expenditure impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, and Other Funds, and on local government is expected to be insignificant.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Signed by Governor on January 10, 2017

State Expenditure

This bill relates to the distance that must be maintained between vehicles by drivers of trucks or motor vehicles traveling along a highway. The bill establishes that the existing distance requirements do not apply to an operator of any non-leading vehicle travelling in a procession of vehicles when the speed of each vehicle is automatically coordinated.

Department of Public Safety. The department reports that there will be no expenditure impact from the bill, as the bill only adds an exception to the safe distance driving laws for non-leading vehicles travelling as part of a procession.

State Revenue

Any reduction in state revenue that would have been generated from convictions under the existing law is expected to be insignificant, because of the low incidence of violations in the specific circumstances covered by the bill.

Local Expenditure

Creating an exception to safe following distance statutes is not expected to significantly affect the level of local law enforcement activity, and, therefore, local expenditures.

Local Revenue

Any reduction in local revenue that would have been generated from convictions for violations of safe following distance is expected to be insignificant, because of the low incidence of violations in the specific circumstances covered by the bill.



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