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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	S.0194
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Subject:	Dilapidated Buildings Act
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Estimate of Fiscal Impact

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
State Expenditure		
General Fund	minimal	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
State Revenue		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
Local Expenditure	minimal	N/A
Local Revenue	N/A	N/A

Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact of this bill to the General Fund will be minimal. There will be no impact to Federal Funds or Other Funds. The local expenditure impact would include notice and court filing costs, which will be minimal.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

State Expenditure

This bill enacts the Dilapidated Buildings Act, which allows a municipality to bring action against the owner of property that is not in compliance with certain municipal ordinances. Further, this bill identifies who may serve as a court appointed receiver for property subject to this action and designates the powers of a court appointed receiver. Finally, the bill establishes a list of requirements that the municipality must fulfill before filing an action under this chapter.

The Judicial Department states that the impact of this bill will be minimal to the General Fund. This proposed legislation allows a municipality to bring a cause of action against the owner of a property not in substantial compliance with certain municipal ordinances and provides for a court-appointed receiver to oversee such properties. As a result of this legislation, it is anticipated that additional hearings will be held in Circuit Court. As this bill creates a new cause of action, there is no data available to indicate the number of additional hearings which may result. It is anticipated that any additional costs would likely be absorbed by the General Fund. However, should this legislation result in a significant number of additional hearings, it could result in an increased backlog for the Circuit Court.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office contacted the Municipal Association of South Carolina concerning the impact of this bill. The Municipal Association indicates the only impact will be notice and court filing costs, which will be minimal.

Local Revenue

N/A



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