

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Committee Requesting Impact: Finance

Bill Summary

This bill would amend Section 12-21-2420, as amended, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, relating to exemptions from the admissions license tax, so as to exempt admissions charged by the state museum.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill is expected to decrease General Fund revenue by \$54,472 in FY 2013-14.

Explanation

This bill proposes to exempt the State Museum from remitting admissions tax, which is five percent, on the admissions fees it collects. Based on information provided by the State Museum, admissions revenue was estimated at \$1,199,500 for FY 2013-14, given an anticipated opening on January 1, 2014 of the new attractions (observatory, planetarium and 4D theater) at the State Museum. However, the opening has been delayed and is not expected to open until spring 2014. As of December 2012, admissions revenue was \$544,728. Annualized, this number results in total admissions revenue of \$1,089,458, which we believe better represents admissions revenue for FY 2013-14. Based on this figure, this bill would decrease General Fund revenue by \$54,472 in FY 2013-14. For reference purposes, Proviso 29.10 in the current budget bill also provides for this exemption.

This act takes effect July 1, 2013.



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^{1/} This statement meets the requirement of Section 2-7-71 for a state revenue impact by the BEA, or Section 2-7-76 for a local revenue impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by the Office of Economic Research.