



**SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**  
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Bill Number: S. 0289  
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 Requestor: Senate Judiciary  
 Date: March 30, 2015  
 Subject: Assault and Battery  
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**Estimate of Fiscal Impact**

	<b>FY 2015-16</b>	<b>FY 2016-17</b>
<b>State Expenditure</b>		
General Fund	\$ 0	N/A
Other and Federal	\$ 0	N/A
Full-Time Equivalent Position(s)	0.00	0.00
<b>State Revenue</b>		
General Fund	N/A	N/A
Other and Federal	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Expenditure</b>	N/A	N/A
<b>Local Revenue</b>	N/A	N/A

**Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill would have a minimal impact on the General Funds, Federal Funds, or Other Funds which would be absorbed by the Judicial Department.

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

**State Expenditure**

This bill extends the offense of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature (ABHAN) to unlawfully injuring persons known to be law enforcement officers, emergency medical personnel, or firefighters. These cases will be heard in General Sessions courts. During fiscal year 2013-2014, there were 461 charges and 203 convictions for ABHAN in South Carolina state courts. There is no data available which would allow the Judicial Department to determine how many of the 461 cases involved officers, emergency medical personnel, or firefighters. The number of additional charges, if any, that would be brought as a result of this bill is also unknown. However, if any additional hearings or trials would be held in General Sessions courts as a result of this bill, it is anticipated that the Judicial Department would absorb these costs. It is also anticipated that the passage of this bill could impact the General Sessions court docket due to additional hearings and trials. This bill would have a minimal impact on the General Fund, Federal Funds, or Other Funds.

**State Revenue**


N/A

**Local Expenditure**

N/A

**Local Revenue**

N/A



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