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COMMITTEE REPORT

February 7, 2013

**S. 306**

Introduced by Senator Campsen

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Read the first time January 29, 2013.

**THE COMMITTEE ON FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 306) to amend Section 50‑1‑130 of the 1976 Code, relating to penalties associated with misdemeanor offenses contained in Title 50, to revise the penalties for these offenses, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

GEORGE E. CAMPSEN III for Committee.

**STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT**

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

Department of Natural Resources

The department’s general counsel estimates that 98% of current DNR cases are already handled by Magistrate’s Courts. The department reports that this bill would have no impact on the General Fund of the State or on federal and/or other funds.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

Pursuant to Section 2-7-76 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, the State Budget Division has surveyed members of the FIST Network. The responses will be forwarded upon receipt.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

The Board of Economic Advisors is the appropriate entity to address any revenue impact associated with this bill.

*Approved By:*

Brenda Hart

Office of State Budget

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 50‑1‑130 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES CONTAINED IN TITLE 50, TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR THESE OFFENSES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MAGISTRATE’S COURT HAS BOTH ORIGINAL AND CONCURRENT JURISDICTION OVER MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 50‑1‑130 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50‑1‑130. Unless a different penalty is specified, ~~any~~ a person who violates a provision of this title is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than twenty‑five dollars nor more than ~~two~~ five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not ~~less than ten days nor~~ more than thirty days, or both. The magistrate’s court has both original and concurrent jurisdiction over misdemeanor offenses contained in this title.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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