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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number:	H. 3077	Introduced on January 10, 2017
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Subject:	Property Tax Exemption	
Requestor:	House Ways and Means	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gable	
Impact Date:	March 16, 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	(\$249,000)	\$0

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds. This bill is expected to reduce local property tax revenue by approximately \$249,000 for FY 2017-18.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

The Department of Revenue anticipates being able to administer the additional property tax exemptions for emergency medical technicians (EMTs) using existing staff and within existing appropriations. Therefore this bill would have no expenditure impact on the General Fund, Other Funds, or Federal Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

This bill adds EMTs who are permanently and totally disabled as a result of an emergency medical service-connected disability, the surviving spouse of an EMT who died in the line of duty, or a surviving spouse of a qualified EMT as eligible owners under §12-37-220(B)(1)(e). This section exempts the owner occupied home of an eligible owner from local property tax

Currently, the exemption applies to permanently and totally disabled veterans of the armed forces, former law enforcement officers, and former firefighters who have a service related disability or the spouse of the aforementioned killed in the line of duty. The exemption also extends to the surviving spouse of a qualified individual. The bill would add EMTs to this section. There are currently 9,851 EMTs in the state, certified by DHEC. Based on the data published by the United States Census Bureau, 67.85% of south Carolinians are homeowners. By multiplying 67.85% by 9,851, approximately 6,684 of the 9,851 EMTs are likely to be homeowners. This number may be overestimated as the exemption applies to permanently and totally disabled persons who may be less likely than the average person to be a homeowner.

The Department of Revenue authorized 19,497 property exemptions under this section in tax year 2016. Based on the data provided by a 2016 actuarial report for the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority and South Carolina Retirement System, approximately 0.18% of individuals retiring in 2015 were disabled. By multiplying 0.18% by 30, we estimate 5.22% of individuals who have retired in the last 30 years are disabled. By multiplying the current estimated number of EMTs that are homeowners by 5.22%, we estimate that adding EMTs would result in 349 additional exemptions. Based on the average home value for 2017 of \$151,740 and factoring in the applicable homestead exemption for school operations and disabled persons, the property tax reduction would average approximately \$713 per exemption. In total, the local revenue would be reduced by approximately \$249,000 in FY 2017-18 as a result of this exemption.



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