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STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT
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Bill Number: H. 4198 Introduced on March 7, 2019
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Subject: Sale of an Energy Drink to a Minor
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Gardner
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill prohibits the sale of an energy drink to a minor and provides penalties for violations of this provision. This bill is unlikely to generate a significant number of violations, therefore the local expenditure and revenue impact of this bill is not expected to be significant.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill prohibits the sale of an energy drink to a minor and provides penalties for violations of this provision. An energy drink as defined by the bill as a "beverage that contains a minimum of 71 milligrams of caffeine per 12 fluid ounces and contains methylxanthines, B vitamins, guarana, ginseng, taurine, glucuronolactone or any extracts or variations of these ingredients." The bill makes it unlawful for a person to sell, furnish, give, or distribute an energy drink to a minor under the age of eighteen years. Persons who knowingly violate this provision must, upon misdemeanor conviction, be fined not less than \$50 per violation. These offenses do not constitute a violation of an establishment's beer and wine permit and thus do not provide grounds for the revocation of such permit.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

Of the counties and municipal organizations surveyed, only Lancaster County and the Municipal Association of South Carolina provided responses on the expected expenditure impact of the bill. Both parties report that the bill is unlikely to generate a significant number of violations. As such, the bill is expected to have no expenditure impact on local or municipal governments.

Local Revenue

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Frank A. Rainwater, Executive Director