



# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

## STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 3222 Introduced on January 14, 2025  
**Subject:** Litter Control Officers  
**Requestor:** House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs  
**RFA Analyst(s):** Bryant  
**Impact Date:** February 3, 2025

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### Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill updates the method for determining the limit on the number of litter control officers with custodial arrest authority that a county may appoint and commission and corrects an incorrect code section reference.

The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) contacted all county governments regarding the fiscal impact of this bill and received responses from four counties. The responding counties indicate that the bill will have no fiscal impact since they have no plans to hire additional litter control officers. One of the responding counties also indicated that the current Litter Control Supervisor may become a commissioned Litter Control Officer with no arrest authority. Further, for reference, based upon RFA's calculations, updating the current statute to refer to the most recent U.S. Census when determining the limit on the number of litter control officers that a county may appoint and commission increases the overall number of litter control officers that the counties are authorized to hire by forty-nine officers. However, since the bill does not require counties to increase the number of litter control officers, the overall expenditure impact on local governments will vary by locality, depending upon whether the counties choose to hire additional litter control officers with custodial arrest authority.

### Explanation of Fiscal Impact

#### Introduced on January 14, 2025

##### State Expenditure

N/A

##### State Revenue

N/A

##### Local Expenditure

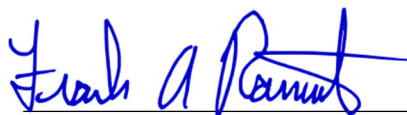
This bill updates the method for determining the limit on the number of litter control officers with custodial arrest authority that a county may appoint and commission. Currently, each county may appoint and commission one litter control officer with custodial arrest authority for every 25,000 persons in the county, based upon the 2000 U.S. Census. This bill revises the reference to the 2000 census to the most recent census. The bill also corrects an incorrect code

section reference, which relates to a litter control officer being certified as a law enforcement officer.

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**Local Revenue**

N/A



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