**South Carolina General Assembly**

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**H. 4953**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. B.J. Cox, Davis, M.M. Smith, Bustos, Hart, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Jefferson, J. Moore and Rivers

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Summary: State veterans' cemeteries

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/25/2024 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 45](h:\hj\20240125.docx))

1/25/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 45](h:\hj\20240125.docx))

3/27/2024 House Committee report: Favorable **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 26](h:\hj\20240327.docx))

3/28/2024 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart,
Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Jefferson, J.
Moore, Rivers

3/28/2024 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 66](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/28/2024 House Roll call Yeas-106 Nays-1 ([House Journal‑page 67](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/28/2024 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([House Journal‑page 68](h:\hj\20240328.docx))

3/29/2024 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 6](h:\hj\20240329.docx))

4/2/2024 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 17](h:\sj\20240402.docx))

4/2/2024 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 17](h:\sj\20240402.docx))

4/24/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 11](h:\sj\20240424.docx))

4/30/2024 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 53](h:\sj\20240430.docx))

4/30/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-46 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 53](h:\sj\20240430.docx))

5/1/2024 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 221](h:\sj\20240501.docx))

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Committee Report

April 24, 2024

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The committee on Senate Family and Veterans' Services

To whom was referred a Bill (H. 4953) to amend the South Carolina Code of Laws by amending Section 25‑11‑80, relating to state veterans’ cemeteries, so as to remove a residency requirement., etc., respectfully

Report:

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

KATRINA SHEALY for Committee.

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25‑11‑80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS’ CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25‑11‑80(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F)(1) To qualify for a plot in a state veterans’ cemetery, the applicant must be a veteran or a member of the immediate family of a veteran who meets the requirements of this subsection.

(2) The veteran must have an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces.

(3) The veteran must have been a resident of the State:

(a) when the veteran entered the Armed Forces;

(b) when the veteran or eligible family member died; or

(c) for five years, unless for a reason that the department finds compelling, the department waives the time period.

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

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