

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H 4404 General Bill, By Stringer, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Yow, Huggins, Ballentine, Erickson, B. Cox, Elliott, Allison, Forrest, G.M. Smith and Haddon**

**Summary:** Veterans Nursing Degree Opportunity Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "VETERANS NURSING DEGREE OPPORTUNITY ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 40 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF VETERAN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS AND VETERAN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMS TO ENABLE MILITARY VETERANS WITH RELEVANT MILITARY TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE TO EXPEDITE THE TRANSITION FROM MILITARY LIFE TO A PROFESSIONAL CAREER IN NURSING, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO REQUIRE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF NURSING, BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION, AND DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO IDENTIFY GAPS BETWEEN RELEVANT MILITARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERGRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND DEGREES APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, AND TO APPROVE CURRICULUM TO ENABLE MILITARY VETERANS TO APPLY SUCH EDUCATION AND TRAINING TOWARD REQUIREMENTS FOR AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN NURSING OR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AND LICENSURE AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE OR REGISTERED NURSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

04/04/19	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 14)
04/04/19	House	Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 14)
01/15/20	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Education and Public Works (House Journal-page 3)
01/21/20	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Haddon
01/21/20	House	Amended (House Journal-page 35)
01/21/20	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 35)
01/21/20	House	Roll call Yeas-110 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 38)
01/22/20		Scrivener's error corrected
01/22/20	House	Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 13)
01/22/20	House	Roll call Yeas-115 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 14)
01/23/20	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 10)
01/23/20	Senate	Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 10)
03/12/20	Senate	Recalled from Committee on Medical Affairs (Senate Journal-page 4)
03/12/20	Senate	Committed to Committee on Education (Senate Journal-page 4)