

Session 123 - (2019-2020)

H*3438 (Rat #0039, Act #0026 of 2019) General Bill, By Pitts, McCravy, B. Cox, Huggins, Cobb-Hunter, Hixon, W. Cox, Taylor, Davis, Caskey and Mace

Similar (S 0454)

Summary: Veterans Affairs

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-130 SO AS TO ENUMERATE THE ASSETS, RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FORMER DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REDESIGNATE THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO ENUMERATE THE SECRETARY'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTING COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER IS AN AT-WILL EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE AT ANY TIME BY THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, A MAJORITY OF THE SENATORS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, AND A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER; TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TASK FORCE'S COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE REDESIGNATION OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. - ratified title

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| 12/18/18 | House | Prefiled |
| 12/18/18 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| 01/08/19 | House | Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 239) |
| 01/08/19 | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 239) |
| 01/16/19 | House | Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 48) |
| 01/16/19 | House | Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 48) |
| 02/07/19 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cobb-Hunter |
| 02/20/19 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon |
| 02/21/19 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Cox, Taylor, Davis |
| 02/21/19 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 117) |
| 02/26/19 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey |
| 02/27/19 | House | Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mace |
| 02/27/19 | House | Amended (House Journal-page 14) |
| 02/27/19 | House | Read second time (House Journal-page 14) |
| 02/27/19 | House | Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 18) |
| 02/28/19 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12) |
| 02/28/19 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 02/28/19 | Senate | Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9) |
| 02/28/19 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 9) |
| 03/13/19 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 11) |
| 03/14/19 | | Scrivener's error corrected |
| 03/20/19 | Senate | Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 32) |
| 03/20/19 | Senate | Read second time (Senate Journal-page 32) |
| 03/20/19 | Senate | Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 32) |
| 03/21/19 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 26) |
| 03/21/19 | | Scrivener's error corrected |

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| 04/03/19 | House | Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 57) |
| 04/03/19 | House | Roll call Yeas-81 Nays-29 (House Journal-page 58) |
| 04/25/19 | | Ratified R 39 |
| 04/26/19 | | Signed By Governor |
| 05/03/19 | | Effective date 07/01/19 |
| 05/06/19 | | Act No. 26 |