**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑112‑50, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO UNDERGRADUATE IN‑STATE TUITION FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AS THE CHILDREN OF MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY WHO DIED IN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AFTER SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, AND FOR PEOPLE ENTITLED AS THE SPOUSAL OR CHILDREN DEPENDENTS OF VETERANS TO RECEIVE CERTAIN UNUSED FEDERAL EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE TRANSFERRED FROM VETERANS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO A THREE‑YEAR POST‑DISCHARGE ENROLLMENT TIME LIMIT.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑112‑50(C) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 11 of 2015, is amended by adding an appropriately numbered item at the end to read:

“( )(a) A person is not subject to the three‑year post‑discharge enrollment time limits of subsection (C)(2)(a) if he qualifies as a covered individual because he is entitled to receive benefits pursuant to:

(i) Section 3311(b)(9), Title 38 of the United States Code, as an individual who is the child of a person who, on or after September 11, 2001, died in line of duty while serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Forces; or

(ii) Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code, as an eligible dependent recipient of unused federal educational assistance benefits transferred from a parent who is a veteran or on active duty.

(b) Once enrolled, a person not subject to the three‑year post‑discharge enrollment time limits of subsection (C)(2)(a) shall remain eligible for in‑state rates as long as he remains continuously enrolled in an in‑state institution or transfers to another in‑state institution during the term or semester, excluding summer terms, immediately following his enrollment at the previous in‑state institution. In the event of a transfer, the in‑state institution receiving the covered individual shall verify the covered individual’s eligibility for in‑state rates with the covered individual’s prior in‑state institution. It is the responsibility of the transferring covered individual to ensure all documents required to verify both the previous and present residency decisions are provided to the in‑state institution.”

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

‑‑‑‑XX‑‑‑‑