**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 59‑111‑20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO COLLEGE TUITION WAIVERS FOR CERTAIN WARTIME VETERANS’ CHILDREN, SO AS TO EXTEND THESE WAIVERS TO THE CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED IN WARTIME.

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

SECTION 1. Section 59‑111‑20(B) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(B) The provisions of this section apply to:

(1) a child of a veteran who meets the residency requirements of Chapter 112 of this title, is twenty‑six years of age or younger, and is pursuing any type of undergraduate degree; and

(2) a child of a wartime service member, which for the purpose of this item means a person who is a ‘veteran of any war’ as defined in 38 U.S.C. Section 101(12) or a person who has served in the active military, naval, or air service during a period of war, as defined in 38 U.S.C. Section 101(11), and who has not been discharged or released from this service. To receive a tuition waiver provided in this section, the child of a wartime service member must provide verification that they satisfy the requirements of subsection (A) from:

(a) the branch of the military in which the child’s parent serves, if the parent has not been discharged or released from service; or

(b) the South Carolina Department of Veterans Affairs, if the child’s parent has been discharged or released from service.”

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

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