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Summary: Veteran Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Support Fund, established

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

Date Body Action Description with journal page number

1/12/2022 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220112.docx))

1/12/2022 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 5](file:///h:\sj\20220112.docx))

2/23/2022 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Family and Veterans' Services** ([Senate Journal‑page 9](file:///h:\sj\20220223.docx))

2/24/2022 Scrivener's error corrected

3/1/2022 Senate Committee Amendment Adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\sj\20220301.docx))

3/1/2022 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\sj\20220301.docx))

3/1/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 31](file:///h:\sj\20220301.docx))

3/2/2022 Senate Read third time and sent to House ([Senate Journal‑page 11](file:///h:\sj\20220302.docx))

3/2/2022 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 102](file:///h:\hj\20220302.docx))

3/2/2022 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 102](file:///h:\hj\20220302.docx))

4/27/2022 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20220427.docx))

5/3/2022 House Amended ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/3/2022 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/3/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑109 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 74](file:///h:\hj\20220503.docx))

5/4/2022 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments ([House Journal‑page 23](file:///h:\hj\20220504.docx))

5/5/2022 Senate House amendment amended ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\sj\20220505.docx))

5/5/2022 Senate Roll call Ayes‑38 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\sj\20220505.docx))

5/5/2022 Senate Returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 37](file:///h:\sj\20220505.docx))

5/11/2022 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑102 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 73](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Reconsidered ([House Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Non‑concurrence in Senate amendment ([House Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/11/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑1 Nays‑100 ([House Journal‑page 88](file:///h:\hj\20220511.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Senate insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Shealy, Young, McElveen ([Senate Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 House Conference committee appointed Yow, Matthews, McGarry ([House Journal‑page 120](file:///h:\hj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Free conference powers granted ([Senate Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Free conference committee appointed Shealy, Young, McElveen ([Senate Journal‑page 26](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

5/12/2022 Senate Free conference report received and adopted ([Senate Journal‑page 28](file:///h:\sj\20220512.docx))

6/15/2022 House Free conference powers granted ([House Journal‑page 39](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑105 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 40](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Free conference committee appointed Yow, Matthews, McGarry ([House Journal‑page 41](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Free conference report adopted ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Roll call Yeas‑111 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 43](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/15/2022 House Ordered enrolled for ratification ([House Journal‑page 45](file:///h:\hj\20220615.docx))

6/16/2022 Ratified R 256

6/17/2022 Signed By Governor

6/28/2022 Effective date 06/17/22

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(A225, R256, S968)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25‑11‑85 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE “VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION BURIAL HONOR GUARD SUPPORT FUND” TO HELP OFFSET THE COSTS INCURRED BY SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTERS OF CONGRESSIONALLY CHARTERED VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS IN PROVIDING HONOR GUARD BURIAL DETAILS AT THE FUNERALS OF QUALIFYING SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY VETERANS, AND TO DEFINE RELEVANT TERMS.**

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

**Veterans Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Support Fund established**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 25 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 25‑11‑85. (A)(1) There is established and created in the State Treasury a fund separate and distinct from the general fund of the State and all other funds entitled the ‘Veterans Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Support Fund’. The fund’s exclusive purpose is to help offset the costs paid by South Carolina chapters of congressionally chartered veterans service organizations that provide well‑equipped and properly trained honor guard burial details at the funerals of qualifying South Carolina veterans.

(2) Revenues of the fund may include gifts, grants, federal funds, or donations made to the fund, regardless of source, and amounts as may be appropriated to the fund by the General Assembly. Money deposited in the fund must be disbursed by the State Treasurer upon the warrant of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs or his representative. Earnings on this fund must be credited to it, and a balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year does not lapse to the general fund of the State, but is instead carried forward in the fund to the succeeding fiscal year to be used for the same purposes. The fund is not subject to midyear budget reductions, and disbursements awarded may not at any time exceed the fund balance at the time of the grant.

(B) Upon request by a South Carolina chapter of a congressionally chartered veterans service organization that provided an honor guard burial detail at the funeral of a qualifying South Carolina veteran, the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs or his representative may authorize a disbursement from the fund, in an amount not less than fifty dollars, but not exceeding the per funeral cap established annually by the secretary, for the purposes described in this section. Pursuant to his authority provided for in Section 25‑11‑20(D), the Secretary of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs may promulgate regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) ‘Veteran’ means a person who has:

(a) served on active duty in the uniformed military services of the United States;

(b) served on active duty in the National Guard or any organized state militia; or

(c) served in the reserve components of the uniformed military services of the United States on active duty; and

(d) was released from this service other than by dishonorable discharge.

(2) ‘Veterans service organization’ means an association, corporation, or other entity that qualifies under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(19) as a tax exempt organization, a federally chartered veterans service corporation, or a veterans’ affairs office or agency established by state law. This term also includes a member or employee of any such entity.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 16th day of June, 2022.

Approved the 17th day of June, 2022.

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