**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 25‑11‑65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS SHALL RECEIVE AND RESPOND TO COMPLAINTS FROM VETERANS REGARDING COUNTY VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICERS.

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

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

“Section 25‑11‑65. Notwithstanding another provision of law, the Director of the Division of Veterans’ Affairs shall receive and respond to veterans’ complaints regarding county veterans’ affairs officers. The Director of the Division of Veterans’ Affairs shall forward the complaint along with his recommendation for discipline, including the possible removal of the county veterans’ affairs officer in question, to the appropriate legislative delegation for its consideration and final determination.”

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

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