

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H. 4997 Introduced on February 17, 2022 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: **Veterans Nursing Homes** House Ways and Means Requestor:

Boggs and Miller RFA Analyst(s): Impact Date: March 9, 2022

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill transfers the authority to establish, manage, and operate veterans' homes from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).

This bill will result in a transfer of \$52,912,712 of appropriations and 188.35 FTEs from DMH's existing appropriations to DVA. This includes \$12,721,526 and 92.45 FTEs in General Fund appropriations. Additionally, DVA anticipates the need for 28.0 FTEs and \$3,007,333 in funding, including \$2,980,789 in recurring funding for staff salaries, office space, and other expenses and \$112,000 in non-recurring expenses for initial office setup in FY 2022-23 and \$2,980,789 each year thereafter.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on February 17, 2022 State Expenditure

This bill transfers the authority to establish, manage, and operate veterans' homes from DMH to DVA. DMH anticipates DVA will receive \$52,912,712 of appropriations and 188.35 FTEs from DMH's existing appropriations in this transfer. This includes \$12,721,526 and 92.45 FTEs in General Fund appropriations.

Additionally, DVA anticipates that additional personnel and funds will be needed for the agency in order to run the veterans' home program. DVA anticipates the need for 28.0 FTEs and \$3,007,333 in funding, including \$2,980,789 in recurring funding for staff salaries, office space, and other expenses and \$112,000 in non-recurring expenses for initial office setup. DVA states the additional resourcing and requirements will enable the department to establish the necessary capabilities and complete the necessary coordination to allow the transfer of responsibility without degradation in the level of service to veterans.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

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