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**H. 3510**

**STATUS INFORMATION**

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Summary: County Veterans' Affairs officers

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 12/5/2024 House Prefiled

 12/5/2024 House Referred to Committee on **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs**

 1/14/2025 House Introduced and read first time (House Journal‑page 229)

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 1/15/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Davis,
 M.M. Smith

 1/16/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Vaughan,
 Chapman, Kirby, Landing, Bustos

 2/12/2025 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs** (House Journal‑page 9)

 2/13/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Yow, Mitchell

 2/18/2025 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hart,
 Williams, Luck, Gagnon, Weeks

 2/18/2025 House Amended (House Journal‑page 26)

 2/18/2025 House Read second time (House Journal‑page 26)

 2/18/2025 House Roll call Yeas-109 Nays-0 (House Journal‑page 30)

 2/19/2025 House Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal‑page 19)

 2/19/2025 Senate Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 2/19/2025 Senate Referred to Committee on **Family and Veterans' Services** (Senate Journal‑page 6)

 2/19/2025 Scrivener's error corrected

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February 18, 2025

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS’ AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS’ AFFAIRS OFFICE.

 Amend Title To Conform

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

SECTION 1. Section 25‑11‑40(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (B) Subject to the recommendation of a majority of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county, the secretary shall appoint a one county veterans’ affairs officer for each county in the State, whose term of office shall begin July first of each odd‑numbered year and shall continue for a term of two years and until a successor shall be appointed. Upon securing funding in the annual general appropriations act, the General Assembly shall provide for two full-time employees in each county veterans’ affairs office in each county. Qualifications shall be determined by the county legislative delegation upon a majority vote of the Senators representing the county and a majority of the House members representing the county. A county veterans’ affairs officer is an at‑will employee of the department, subject to removal for cause at any time by the secretary, a majority of the Senators representing the county, and a majority of the House members representing the county.

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

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