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Summary: Volunteer Service Personnel Appreciation Act

**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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 1/22/2013 House Introduced and read first time ([House Journal‑page 12](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C01-22-13.docx))

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 2/20/2013 House Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([House Journal‑page 2](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-20-13.docx))

 2/26/2013 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 15](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-26-13.docx))

 2/26/2013 House Roll call Yeas‑107 Nays‑1 ([House Journal‑page 16](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-26-13.docx))

 2/27/2013 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 13](file:///h%3A%5CHJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C02-27-13.docx))

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 3/15/2013 Senate Referred to Subcommittee: Rankin (ch), Scott, Thurmond

 5/29/2013 Senate Committee report: Favorable **Judiciary** ([Senate Journal‑page 21](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C05-29-13.docx))

 6/4/2013 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 79](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C06-04-13.docx))

 6/4/2013 Senate Roll call Ayes‑43 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 79](file:///h%3A%5CSJ%20Archive%5C2013%5C06-04-13.docx))

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 6‑1‑90 SO AS TO ENACT THE “VOLUNTEER SERVICE PERSONNEL APPRECIATION ACT” AND TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN REWARDS TO THREE ENUMERATED CATEGORIES OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE PERSONNEL SO LONG AS ALL PERSONNEL IN A RESPECTIVE CATEGORY ARE TREATED EQUALLY.**

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

**Citation**

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the “Volunteer Service Personnel Appreciation Act”.

**Authorization of gifts to certain emergency services responders**

SECTION 2. Article 1, Chapter 1, Title 6 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

 “Section 6‑1‑90. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, the governing body of a local government may authorize the distribution of a gratuitous year‑end or holiday monetary or other type of gift to the following categories of volunteer service personnel:

 (1) reserve law enforcement officers;

 (2) volunteer firefighters; or

 (3) volunteer emergency medical service personnel.

 (B) If the governing body of a local government elects to authorize the distribution of a gratuitous year‑end or holiday monetary or other type of gift, it shall ensure all personnel in that respective category bequeathed pursuant to this section are treated equally.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 11th day of June, 2013.

Approved the 13th day of June, 2013.

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