

Session 126 - (2025-2026)

H 3907 General Bill, By B.J. Cox, Bannister, Willis, Pedalino, Vaughan, T. Moore, Montgomery, B.L. Cox, Holman, Wooten, Lawson, Collins, C. Mitchell, Yow, Wickensimer, Gilliam, Rankin, M.M. Smith, Davis, Pope and Chapman
Similar (S 0850, H 5139)

Summary: Honor our First Responders Act

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "HONOR OUR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF A FIRST RESPONDER COVERED BY SUCH A PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-470, RELATING TO LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO ADD AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-110, RELATING TO WAIVED TUITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ALSO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN WAIVED TUITION.

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02/27/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: T.Moore, Montgomery, B.L.Cox, Holman, Wooten, Lawson, Collins, C.Mitchell, Yow, Wickensimer, Gilliam, Rankin

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04/23/25 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: M.M.Smith, Davis, Pope

03/05/26 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Chapman