

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

**S\*0695 (Rat #0146, Act #0211 of 2026) General Bill, By Young, Graham, Devine, Walker and Sutton**

**Summary:** Unauthorized Fees for Claim Assistance

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN VETERANS' BENEFITS ACT"; AND BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, SET GUIDELINES AND LIMITS FOR COMPENSATION, MEMORIALIZE TERMS, AND STATE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE. - RATIFIED TITLE

12/10/25	Senate	Prefiled
12/10/25	Senate	Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services
01/13/26	Senate	Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 19)
01/13/26	Senate	Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 19)
01/29/26	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 7)
02/05/26	Senate	Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/05/26	Senate	Amended (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/05/26	Senate	Read second time (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/05/26	Senate	Roll call Ayes-46 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 10)
02/10/26	Senate	Read third time and sent to House (Senate Journal-page 27)
02/11/26	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 47)
02/11/26	House	Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 47)
05/05/26	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 4)
05/06/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/07/26	House	Amended (House Journal-page 80)
05/07/26	House	Read second time (House Journal-page 80)
05/07/26	House	Roll call Yeas-100 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 83)
05/07/26	House	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day (House Journal-page 84)
05/08/26	House	Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments (House Journal-page 2)
05/08/26		Scrivener's error corrected
05/13/26	Senate	Concurred in House amendment and enrolled (Senate Journal-page 75)
05/14/26		Ratified R 146
05/19/26		Signed By Governor
06/05/26		Effective date 05/19/26
06/02/26		Act No. 211