

## Session 126 - (2025-2026)

### **S 0695 General Bill, By Young, Graham, Devine, Walker and Sutton**

**Summary:** Unauthorized Fees for Claim Assistance

A BILL 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.

<b>12/10/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/10/25</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 19)</b>
<b>01/13/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 19)</b>
<b>01/29/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 7)</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Adopted (Senate Journal-page 10)</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Amended (Senate Journal-page 10)</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 10)</b>
<b>02/05/26</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-46 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 10)</b>