

## Session 123 - (2019-2020)

**H\*3438 (Rat #0039, Act #0026 of 2019) General Bill, By Pitts, McCravy, B. Cox, Huggins, Cobb-Hunter, Hixon, W. Cox, Taylor, Davis, Caskey and Mace**

**Similar (S 0454)**

**Summary:** Veterans Affairs

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1-30-10, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-130 SO AS TO ENUMERATE THE ASSETS, RIGHTS, AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE FORMER DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REDESIGNATE THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WITHIN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, AND TO ENUMERATE THE SECRETARY'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS; TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" FOR PURPOSES OF APPOINTING COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER IS AN AT-WILL EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO MAY BE REMOVED FOR CAUSE AT ANY TIME BY THE DEPARTMENT SECRETARY, A MAJORITY OF THE SENATORS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY, AND A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNTY; TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE CHAPTER; TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA MILITARY BASE TASK FORCE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE TASK FORCE'S COMPOSITION, POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND TO PROVIDE COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE REDESIGNATION OF THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS AS THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. - ratified title

<b>12/18/18</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Prefiled</b>
<b>12/18/18</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary</b>
<b>01/08/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 239)</b>
<b>01/08/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 239)</b>
<b>01/16/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Recalled from Committee on Judiciary (House Journal-page 48)</b>
<b>01/16/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committed to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 48)</b>
<b>02/07/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Cobb-Hunter</b>
<b>02/20/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hixon</b>
<b>02/21/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: W.Cox, Taylor, Davis</b>
<b>02/21/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs (House Journal-page 117)</b>
<b>02/26/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Caskey</b>
<b>02/27/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Mace</b>
<b>02/27/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Amended (House Journal-page 14)</b>
<b>02/27/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read second time (House Journal-page 14)</b>
<b>02/27/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Roll call Yeas-105 Nays-0 (House Journal-page 18)</b>
<b>02/28/19</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>Read third time and sent to Senate (House Journal-page 12)</b>
<b>02/28/19</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>02/28/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Introduced and read first time (Senate Journal-page 9)</b>
<b>02/28/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Referred to Committee on Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 9)</b>
<b>03/13/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee report: Favorable with amendment Family and Veterans' Services (Senate Journal-page 11)</b>
<b>03/14/19</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>
<b>03/20/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Committee Amendment Amended and Adopted (Senate Journal-page 32)</b>
<b>03/20/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read second time (Senate Journal-page 32)</b>
<b>03/20/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Roll call Ayes-43 Nays-0 (Senate Journal-page 32)</b>
<b>03/21/19</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>Read third time and returned to House with amendments (Senate Journal-page 26)</b>
<b>03/21/19</b>		<b>Scrivener's error corrected</b>

04/03/19	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled (House Journal-page 57)
04/03/19	House	Roll call Yeas-81 Nays-29 (House Journal-page 58)
04/25/19		Ratified R 39
04/26/19		Signed By Governor
05/03/19		Effective date 07/01/19
05/06/19		Act No. 26