**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 8‑21‑310, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND COSTS COLLECTED BY COUNTY CLERKS OF COURT AND REGISTERS OF DEEDS, SO AS TO WAIVE THE RECORDING FEE OTHERWISE REQUIRED FOR A POWER OF ATTORNEY FILED BY A MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES PREPARATORY TO DEPLOYMENT TO A COMBAT ZONE UPON PRESENTATION OF COPIES OF THE DEPLOYMENT ORDER, AND TO DEFINE “COMBAT ZONE”.

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

SECTION 1. Section 8‑21‑310(10) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 329 of 2002, is further amended to read:

“(10) for filing power of attorney, trustee qualification, or other appointment, fifteen dollars, and an additional one dollar a page for a document containing more than four pages. However, upon presentation of a copy of deployment orders to a combat zone by a member of the armed forces of the United States, the filing fee for a power of attorney for the person deployed is waived. For purposes of this item, ‘combat zone’ has the meaning provided in Internal Revenue Service Publication 3 and includes service in a qualified hazardous duty area;”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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