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**HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS**

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1/17/2019 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Felder

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2/8/2019 Scrivener's error corrected

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2/13/2019 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20190213.docx))

2/13/2019 House Roll call Yeas‑109 Nays‑0 ([House Journal‑page 10](file:///h:\hj\20190213.docx))

2/14/2019 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\hj\20190214.docx))

2/14/2019 Senate Introduced and read first time ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20190214.docx))

2/14/2019 Senate Referred to Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 8](file:///h:\sj\20190214.docx))

2/20/2019 Senate Recalled from Committee on **Education** ([Senate Journal‑page 2](file:///h:\sj\20190220.docx))

2/26/2019 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\sj\20190226.docx))

2/26/2019 Senate Roll call Ayes‑42 Nays‑0 ([Senate Journal‑page 38](file:///h:\sj\20190226.docx))

2/27/2019 Senate Read third time and enrolled ([Senate Journal‑page 24](file:///h:\sj\20190227.docx))

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(A10, R17, H3639)

**AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 59‑112‑50, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO ARE ENTITLED TO PAY IN‑STATE TUITION AND FEES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY HAVE RESIDED IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO EXPAND THE CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THESE PROVISIONS TO CONFORM WITH CERTAIN CHANGES IN FEDERAL LAW.**

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

**Rates for military personnel and dependents**

SECTION 1. Section 59‑112‑50(C) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(C)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a covered individual enrolled in a public institution of higher education and receiving educational assistance under Chapter 30, Chapter 31, and Chapter 33, Title 38 of the United States Code are entitled to pay in‑state tuition and fees without regard to the length of time the covered individual has resided in this State.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, a covered individual is defined as:

(a) a veteran who served ninety days or longer on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard and who enrolls within three years of discharge;

(b) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code by virtue of the person’s relationship to the veteran described in subitem (a) who enrolls within three years of the veteran’s discharge;

(c) a person using transferred benefits under Section 3319, Title 38 of the United States Code while the transferor is on active duty in the uniformed service of the United States, their respective reserve forces, or the National Guard;

(d) a person who is entitled to and receiving assistance under Section 3311(b)(9), Title 38 of the United States Code; or

(e) a person who is entitled to and is receiving assistance under Section 3102(a), Title 38 of the United States Code.

(3) A covered individual must live in this State while enrolled at the in‑state institution.

(4) At the conclusion of the applicable three‑year period in subsection (C)(2)(a) or (b), a covered individual shall remain eligible for in‑state rates as long as he remains continuously enrolled in an in‑state institution or transfers to another in‑state institution during the term or semester, excluding summer terms, immediately following his enrollment at the previous in‑state institution. In the event of a transfer, the in‑state institution receiving the covered individual shall verify the covered individual’s eligibility for in‑state rates with the covered individual’s prior in‑state institution. It is the responsibility of the transferring covered individual to ensure all documents required to verify both the previous and present residency decisions are provided to the in‑state institution.”

**Time effective**

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

Ratified the 19th day of March, 2019.

Approved the 20th day of March, 2019.

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