**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-50 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE RELATIONS OF SECRETARY AND COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, TO MAKE PROVISIONS FOR MONTHLY REPORTING; AND TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO SEMIANNUAL REPORTS, TO REQUIRE A COPY OF THE REPORT PROVIDED TO THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 25-11-50 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 25-11-50. The secretary shall establish uniform methods and procedures for the performance of service work among the several county officers, maintain contact and close cooperation with such officers, and provide assistance, advice and instructions with respect to changes in law and regulations and administrative procedure in relation to the application of such laws. ~~and he~~ The secretary may require ~~from time to time~~ monthly reports from such county veterans' affairs officers, reflecting the character and progress of their official duties to analyze metrics of veterans’ care across the state. County veterans’ affairs officers shall produce requested reports within five days of the initial request.

SECTION 2. Section 25-11-60 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 25-11-60. The county veterans' affairs officers shall render semiannually a complete report of their acts and doings to the county legislative delegation of their respective counties upon uniform forms to be furnished by the secretary. The county veterans’ affairs officers shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary.”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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