

## SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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**Bill Number:** H. 4385 Introduced on April 23, 2025

Subject: Veterans' Homes

Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs

RFA Analyst(s): Boggs

Impact Date: April 30, 2025

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill provides clarifying language regarding the transfer of the state's veterans homes from the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). The bill states that DVA shall adopt and execute criteria, policies, and procedures for admissions to and discharges from South Carolina veterans' homes. This bill adds protocols for adopting or amending admissions or discharge criteria, policies, or procedures for veterans' homes. This bill also states that DVA shall set and collect fees for residence in and services provided by the veterans' homes and allows DVA to receive state and federal benefits charged by the veterans' homes.

DVA currently has the structure and personnel in place to set and collect these fees and has been doing so since the facilities transferred agencies on July 1, 2024. This bill requires DVA to perform activities within the normal course of business. Therefore, this bill will have no impact on the agency.

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

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**State Revenue** 

N/A

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

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